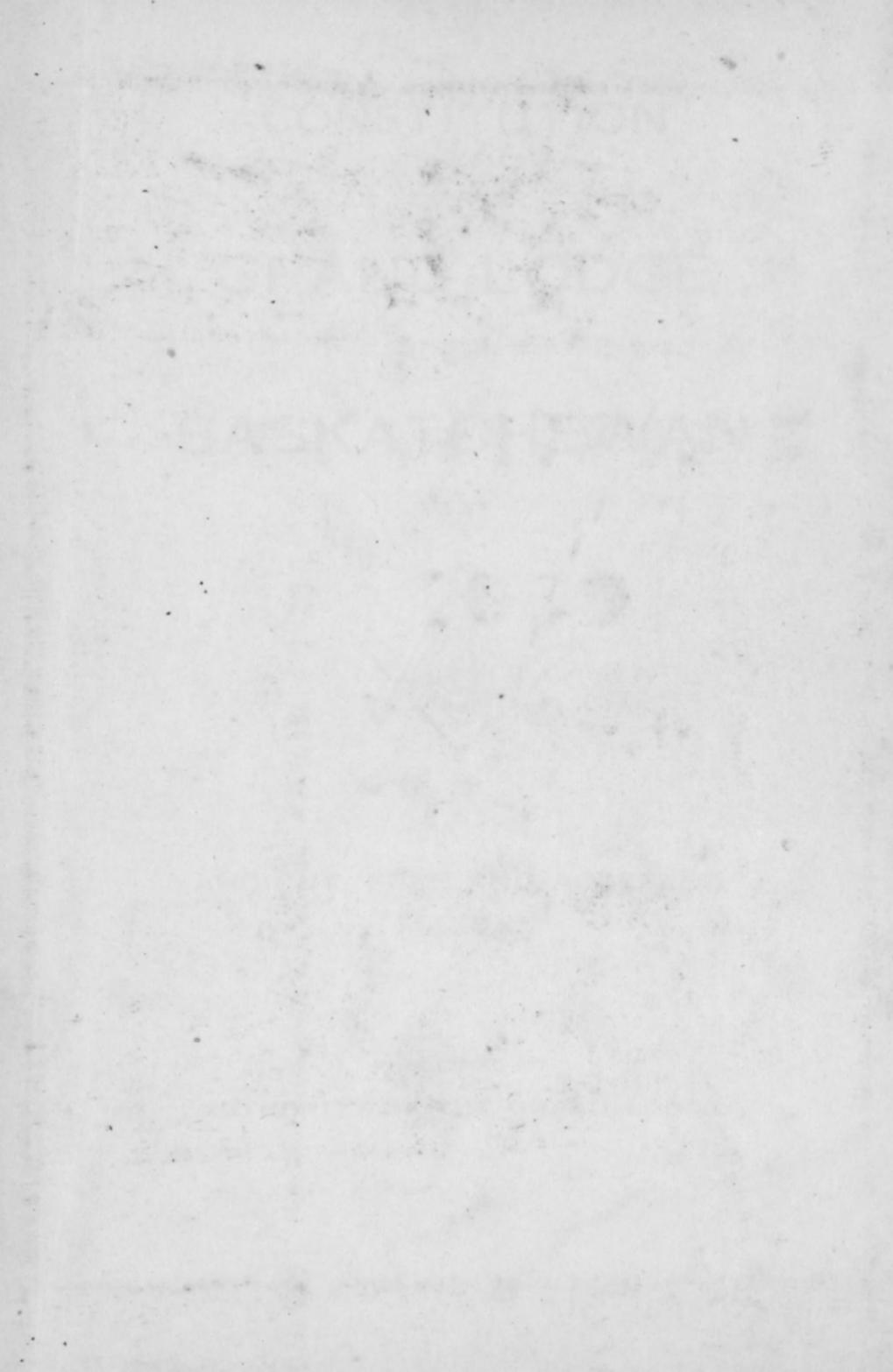


CONSTITUTION

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Executive Committee

8. Amended June 10th, 1960, as follows:
The Executive Committee shall consist of the three Principals, "Z", "H" and "J", Scribes "E" and "N", the Treasurer, two members to be elected by the Chapter and two to be appointed by the First Principal at the time of Installation.



**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
OF
SASKATCHEWAN**



**ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS**

**PUBLISHED BY
AUTHORITY OF THE GRAND LODGE**

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan

A.F. & A.M.

I, Robt. A. Tate, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the Constitution thereof as revised, amended and adopted at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in the City of Saskatoon on the 19th and 20th days of June, A.L. 5940, A.D. 1940, and as proclaimed in accordance with Section 212 on the 15th day of November, A.L. 5941, A.D. 1941, with all amendments to June 21st, A.L. 5950, A.D. 1950.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto appended my official signature and affixed the Seal of the Grand Lodge, at the City of Regina, this 15th day of November, A.L. 5950, A.D. 1950.

Robt. A. Tate

Grand Secretary.



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HISTORY

It has always been a source of Masonic satisfaction that Freemasonry in the territory now controlled by the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, received its authority from two Canadian Grand Lodges. The formation of Lodges was made possible by the enthusiasm of the Brethren, their desire to have fraternal relations and their belief that the Order would provide a real agency for good in the new country where they were now making a home for themselves and their families.

In the year 1879, the Brethren of Prince Albert caused the first Lodge in our area to be instituted, under the authority of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada. This Grand Lodge later on in 1880 gave them a warrant, and on the grand register there appeared Kinistino Lodge No. 381.

In 1882 Kinistino Lodge transferred its allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. From then on all of the Lodges, prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, bore true allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba and we have the following sequence. Each of the first twenty-five lodges was in possession of a charter but the last four were working under dispensation.

1879	Kinistino	Prince Albert
1883	Wascana	Regina
1883	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw
1886	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle
1886	Indian Head	Indian Head
1886	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle

1886	Moosomin	Moosomin
1890	Ashlar	Whitewood
1893	Maple Leaf	Maple Creek
1893	Evening Star	Grenfell
1894	N.W.M.P.	Regina
1899	Yorkton	Yorkton
1899	Duck Lake	Duck Lake
1902	Sintaluta	Sintaluta
1903	Amity	Carnduff
1904	Saskatchewan	Saskatoon
1904	Carlyle	Carlyle
1905	Melfort	Melfort
1904	Battle	Battleford
1905	Weyburn	Weyburn
1905	Arcola	Arcola
1905	Rosthern	Rosthern
1905	Britannia	Lloydminster
1905	Wolseley	Wolseley
1905	Estevan	Estevan
1906	Swift Current	Swift Current
1906	Alameda	Alameda
1906	Hanley	Hanley
1906	Heward	Heward

On the creation of the Province in 1905 there developed a desire for the formation of a Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. The initiatory move was taken by Wascana Lodge at Regina on April 3rd, 1906. Kinistino, being the oldest Lodge, was asked to act and in pursuance thereof a convention of representatives of the Masonic Lodges within the boun-

daries of the Province of Saskatchewan was called to meet on May 25th, 1906, at Prince Albert. At that meeting a delegation was named to wait upon the Grand Lodge of Manitoba for its consent and in June of that year this was granted. On August 9th, 1906, the organization meeting was held in Regina. There were now twenty-nine Lodges, of which twenty-one were represented by their Officers and four by proxies. Thus the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was formed with approximately nine hundred members. A Constitution, based on that of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, was adopted. The first Grand Master was M. W. Brother H. H. Campkin; Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Brother C. O. Davidson; Grand Senior Warden, R.W.Brother H. Jagger; Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Brother W. B. Tate, and Grand Secretary, R.W. Brother J. M. Shaw.

Throughout thirty-five years this Grand Lodge has continued to grow and quietly do the work which it considers its mission in Western Canada. Notwithstanding the difficult years through which it has passed, it now comprises one hundred and ninety-eight Lodges with a membership of more than twelve thousand.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE
GRAND LODGE OF SASKATCHEWAN
ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS

(Assented to April 3, 1907)

WHEREAS, Henry H. Campkin, of Indian Head, John M. Shaw, Alexander Sheppard, William M. Martin and James R. Pollok, of Regina, have by their petition represented that The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons is now and has been since the ninth day of August, A.D. 1906, organized under the name of "The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons" for the purpose of promoting the interests of Masonry in the said province;

And whereas it would tend greatly to advance the usefulness of the said Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and promote the purposes for which it was established if it be incorporated, and it is expedient to grant the prayers of the said petitioners:

Therefore His Majesty by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan enacts as follows:

1. There is hereby constituted and established within this province a body politic and corporate under the name of "The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons" which incorporation shall consist of the

Name

HISTORY OF GRAND LODGE

persons hereinbefore named and such persons as now are or may hereafter from time to time become members of the said Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan within the province of Saskatchewan.

Powers
of
Corporation

2. Such corporation shall have perpetual succession and may have a common seal with power to change, alter, break and renew the same when and so often as they shall think proper; and the said corporation may under the same name contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and be prosecuted in all courts and places whatsoever in this province and shall have full power to make and establish such rules, orders and regulations not being contrary to the laws of this province nor to this Act nor to the constitution and statutes of the said The Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan as they shall deem useful and necessary for the conduct and government of the said corporation and for the superintendence, advantage and improvement of all property, movable or immovable, belonging to or which shall hereafter belong to the said corporation; and shall have power to acquire and to hold for the said corporation all land and property movable and immovable which may hereafter be sold, ceded, exchanged, given, bequeathed or granted to the said corporation or to sell, alienate, convey, let or lease the same if need be;

Investments

(2) The proceeds of such property as shall have been disposed of and any other moneys belonging to the said cor-

poration may be invested in public securities of the Dominion of Canada or of any province thereof, or in any debenture of any municipality or school district of this province and in the purchase of freehold real estate in the province and upon the security of first mortgage or any real property within the province.

3. The said corporation may borrow from any person or corporation such sum or sums of money at such rate or rates of interest and on such terms and for such length of time as to the said corporation hereby created shall seem expedient or advisable and the said corporation is also hereby empowered to grant, mortgage, hypothecate or pledge all or any of their estate, real or personal, including stocks, shares, bonds, debentures, promissory notes, bills of exchange or other security of which they may at the passing of this Act or at any future time become seized, possessed of or in any way interested in to secure repayment of the moneys so borrowed when and so often as they may deem it expedient, and to make and execute under their corporate seal and the hand of their president or vice president and secretary respectively for the time being according to the rules and bylaws of the said corporation all proper deeds, bonds, debentures, mortgages and instruments and to do all other acts, matters and things requisite or necessary to effect and accomplish all and singular in the premises.

Borrowing
Powers

Execution
of
Instruments

4. All deeds, bonds, debentures, mortgages and instruments shall be executed under the corporate seal of the said corporation together with the hand of the president or vice-president and secretary respectively for the time being of the said corporation.

Application
of property

5. All the property which shall at any time belong to the said corporation as well as the revenues thereof shall at all times be exclusively applied and appropriated to the purpose of the said corporation and to no other object, institution or establishment whatever.

Meetings

6. The said corporation shall meet annually or biennially for the election of officers and the transaction of other business at such times and at such place as they may from time to time decide and the present officers of the said corporation shall continue in office until their successors are appointed.

Rules
and
Bylaws

7. The said corporation may from time to time make rules or bylaws for the constitution and government of the said corporation and for the guidance of its officers and may alter, amend and annul the said rules or bylaws from time to time:

Provided always that such rules or bylaws are not contrary to this Act or repugnant to the laws of the province.

Returns

8. It shall be the duty of the said corporation at all times when called upon by the Lieutenant Governor in Council of this province to render an

account in writing of the property of the corporation in which shall be set forth in particular the income by it derived from property held under this Act and the source from which the same has been received and such other particulars as the Lieutenant Governor in Council may require.

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT
INCORPORATING THE GRAND
LODGE OF SASKATCHEWAN
ANCIENT, FREE AND
ACCEPTED MASONS

(Assented to Feb. 28, 1930.)

WHEREAS the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was incorporated by Act of the Legislature, chapter 40 of the statutes of Saskatchewan, 1907; and

Whereas the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan is composed of a number of constituent or subordinate Lodges each of which is a separate entity; and

Whereas the Grand Lodge at its annual meeting held in the City of Prince Albert on the 19th day of June, 1929, adopted a resolution to the effect that the Legislature should be petitioned to amend the Act of Incorporation so as to provide that the constituent or subordinate Lodges may hold or dispose of or otherwise deal with property; and

Whereas it is necessary that each constituent or subordinate Lodge have a place of meeting and to this end it is in the interest of each Lodge that it be permitted to acquire property both real and personal for this purpose; and

Whereas a petition has been presented praying for the amendment of the Act of Incorporation and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition:

Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan, enacts as follows:

1907, c.40,
amended

1. Chapter 40 of the statutes of Saskatchewan of 1907, An Act to incorporate the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, is amended by adding thereto the following sections:

Power of
Lodges to
acquire
property

"9. Each constituent or subordinate Lodge of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, shall have power to acquire and hold property both real and personal for the purpose of providing a meeting place for such constituent or subordinate Lodge.

Application
of sections
2, 3, 5, 7
and 8

"10. The provisions of sections 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 of this Act shall apply to property held by the constituent or subordinate Lodges; provided that none of the powers referred to in the said sections shall be exercised in a manner inconsistent with regulations from time to

time made by the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

"11. All deeds, bonds, mortgages and contracts made or entered into by a constituent Lodge shall be executed under the seal of the Lodge and under the hand of the Master of such Lodge and its secretary for the time being."

Execution
of instru-
ments
by Lodges



**CONSTITUTION
OF THE GRAND LODGE OF
SASKATCHEWAN**
**ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED
MASONS**

GRAND LODGE

TITLE AND SEAL

1. The style and title of this Grand Lodge shall be "Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."
2. The following is a representation of the seal of Grand Lodge:



3. The Constitution includes Regulations, Rules and Approved Rulings.

DEFINITIONS

4. The following definitions shall apply to words and phrases used in this Constitution:

(a) Charter.—Warrant of constitution from Grand Lodge to a constituent Lodge.

(b) Clear days.—Means excluding the day of delivery or posting and also excluding the date fixed by the notice or summons but does not exclude holidays or Sundays.

(c) Expulsion.—The expulsion of a Mason is the extreme penalty known to Masonic Law. It is an absolute deprivation of all the rights and privileges of the Craft and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him until he is restored by Grand Lodge.

(d) Folio.—Shall comprise one hundred words.

(e) Grand Master.—The member of Grand Lodge who was last installed into that office.

(f) Jurisdiction.—The jurisdiction of Grand Lodge includes all Lodges and Masons within the territorial limits of the Province of Saskatchewan and all of that portion of the North West Territories lying and being situate north of the northern boundary of the said Province of Saskatchewan between the second meridian on the east and the fourth meridian on the west, and all members without this jurisdiction acting under its authority.

The jurisdiction of a Lodge includes all its own members wherever residing and all Masons residing nearer, in a direct line, to its place of meeting than to that of any other Lodge within this Jurisdiction, except in towns

and cities where more than one Lodge exists, in which case each of such Lodges has separate jurisdiction over its own members and concurrent jurisdiction over all Masons not members of one of such Lodges residing in such town or city, or nearer thereto than to any other place where a Lodge exists.

(g) Sister Jurisdiction.—Any Grand Lodge with which this Grand Lodge maintains fraternal relationship.

(h) Lodge.—“A Lodge” shall mean a Lodge working under a warrant from this Grand Lodge. “A Lodge under dispensation” (U.D.), shall mean a Lodge working under a dispensation from the Grand Master, and possessing only such powers or privileges as are conferred by its dispensation.

(i) Master.—The member of a Lodge who was last installed into that office or who was named as such in a Charter.

(j) Month.—Lunar month, except where the context otherwise indicates calendar month.

(k) Past Master.—A member who has been regularly elected, or named in a Charter, and installed and, except in the case of a new Lodge, has served a full Masonic year as Master of a chartered Lodge; and a Past Master from another Jurisdiction who is affiliated with a constituent Lodge in this Jurisdiction.

(l) Posting or Mailing.—Means depositing in His Majesty's post office with postage prepaid.

(m) Regulation.—Means any resolution of Grand Lodge or rules or direction made pursuant thereto.

(n) Regular Meeting.—Except as provided in Section 120, the regular meeting of a Lodge is the one meeting in each month at which business may be done. It shall be designated as such in the bylaws of each Lodge and no emergent meeting shall ever be considered as a part of any such regular meeting.

(o) Residence.—Of a person is the place which is his home and to which, whenever he is absent therefrom he has the intention of returning; failing which it is the place of his birth.

(p) Suspensions.—The suspension of a Master, or other elected Officer, of a Lodge is a temporary deprivation of his office and prohibits all recognition of him in that capacity until he is restored by competent authority.

The suspension of a Mason is a temporary deprivation of all his rights and privileges, as such, and prohibits all Masons and Lodges from holding any Masonic intercourse with him until he shall be legally restored in the manner herein prescribed.

(q) Summons.—A written communication from the Secretary of a Lodge issued for the purpose of notifying the members that a meeting of the Lodge is to be held; a written notice to a member of Grand Lodge or a member of a constituent Lodge ordering him to appear before Grand Lodge, a Grand Officer, the Board of General Purposes, a Committee thereof, or his Lodge.

(r) Vote.—In the absence of a qualifying explanation in the Constitution as to method, "vote" means a show of hands.

COMPOSITION

5. The members of Grand Lodge shall be all Master Masons who are in good standing in a constituent Lodge in Saskatchewan and who are Past Masters, Masters and sitting Senior and Junior Wardens of constituent Lodges, and Past Masters from other Jurisdictions who are affiliated with a constituent Lodge in Saskatchewan and honorary members elected by Grand Lodge.

6. A brother shall not be permitted to vote at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge as Master, Past Master, or Warden until his name as such shall have been duly returned to the Grand Secretary's office.

7. Grand Lodge may, in recognition of eminence, ability or service rendered, confer on a member of this or any Sister Jurisdiction such rank and distinction as it may deem appropriate. In the case of a member of this Jurisdiction notice of motion to confer such rank and distinction shall be sent, in writing, by the mover to the Grand Secretary not later than the first day of March preceding the Annual Communication at which such motion is to be proposed. In the case of a member of a Sister Jurisdiction, notice of motion shall not be necessary. In either case, a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting, shall be necessary.

INHERENT POWER AND AUTHORITY

8. The Grand Lodge is the supreme Masonic Power and Authority in the Province of Saskatchewan and all that portion of the North West Territories lying and being situate north of the northern boundary of the said Province

of Saskatchewan between the second meridian on the east and the fourth meridian on the west, possessing all the attributes of sovereignty and government, limited only by a strict adherence to the ancient landmarks of the Craft, and by the provisions of its own Constitution.

9. Grand Lodge alone can expel a brother from the Craft or restore him after expulsion, and such restoration shall entitle him to a certificate of good standing in the Craft as a non-affiliate.

10. Grand Lodge alone can withdraw the warrant or charter of a Lodge and erase the same.

OFFICERS

11. The officers of Grand Lodge shall be respectively elected or appointed.

The elective officers are the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar and Grand Tyler.

The appointed officers are the District Deputy Grand Masters (one for each Masonic District), the Grand Chaplain, Grand Deacons, Grand Superintendent of Works, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Grand Organist, Grand Stewards and Grand Pursuivant.

RANK, TITLE AND PRECEDENCE

12. The Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and members shall be entitled to rank, title and precedence as follows:

The Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters according to seniority.

The Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master.

The Right Worshipful Past Deputy Grand Masters.

The Right Worshipful Grand Senior Warden.

The Right Worshipful Past Grand Senior Wardens.

The Right Worshipful Grand Junior Warden.

The Right Worshipful Past Grand Junior Wardens.

The Right Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters according to number of District.

The Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Masters according to year of office and number of District.

The Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer.

The Right Worshipful Past Grand Treasurers.

The Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

The Right Worshipful Past Grand Secretaries.

The Right Worshipful Grand Registrar.

The Right Worshipful Past Grand Registrars.

The Very Worshipful Grand Chaplain.

The Very Worshipful Past Grand Chaplains.

The Very Worshipful Grand Senior Deacon.

The Very Worshipful Past Grand Senior Deacons.

The Very Worshipful Grand Junior Deacon.

The Very Worshipful Past Grand Junior Deacons.

The Very Worshipful Grand Superintendent of Works.

The Very Worshipful Past Grand Superintendents of Works.

The Very Worshipful Grand Director of Ceremonies.

The Very Worshipful Past Grand Directors
of Ceremonies.

The Very Worshipful Grand Organist.
The Very Worshipful Past Grand Organists.
The Very Worshipful Grand Stewards.
The Very Worshipful Past Grand Stewards.
The Very Worshipful Grand Pursuivant.
The Very Worshipful Past Grand Pursui-
vants.

The Past Masters, Masters and Wardens of
all constituent Lodges in the order of the
number of their respective Lodge Charters.

The Grand Tyler.

GRAND HONOURS

13. No brother shall be entitled to past rank
in any office in Grand Lodge unless he is a
Past Master of a Lodge in this Jurisdiction.
District Deputy Grand Masters shall not be
entitled to past rank unless specially recom-
mended for the honour by the Committee on
the Condition of Masonry and the recommen-
dation adopted by Grand Lodge.

14. A Past Master of a Lodge in this Juris-
diction who has been duly registered in the
books of Grand Lodge and who affiliates with
any other Lodge is entitled to his rank and
seniority, as fixed by his above registration,
both in Grand Lodge and in the Lodge with
which he affiliates. An affiliated Past Master
from a Sister Grand Jurisdiction is entitled,
as of the date of the registration of his
affiliation, to that rank both in Grand Lodge
and in the Lodge with which he affiliates.

15. The Grand Honours are as follows:
Nine for Grand Master and Past Grand
Masters.

Seven for the Deputy Grand Master, Past
Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand

Master, and Past District Deputy Grand Masters and all other elected Grand Officers and elected Past Grand Officers.

Five for appointed Grand Officers and appointed Past Grand Officers.

Three for all other distinguished brethren.

REPRESENTATION IN GRAND LODGE

16. The Master and Wardens of a chartered Lodge are *ex officio* entitled to represent it in Grand Lodge. Should none of them be in attendance at any Communication thereof the Lodge shall be represented by the Senior Past Master of said Lodge in attendance at such communication. No brother can represent more than one Lodge.

COMMUNICATIONS

17. The Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held on the third Wednesday of June, alternately in the City of Regina and in the City of Saskatoon, or at such place as shall have been decided upon by a majority vote, which vote shall be taken immediately before the election of officers at the preceding Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

18. The Grand Master may also convene and hold special Communications of Grand Lodge whenever the good of the Craft shall in his opinion require it; the particular reason for convening such special Communication shall be expressed in the notice, and no other business shall be entered upon at that meeting.

19. No one other than a member of Grand Lodge may attend Communications thereof except by permission of the Grand Master;

and no visitor shall speak to any question unless requested by the Grand Master so to do; nor shall he, on any occasion, be permitted to vote.

20. The representatives of three Lodges at the Annual Communication, or at a Special Communication convened on due notice to all Lodges, shall be necessary to open Grand Lodge or to transact business therein; except on ceremonial occasions when the Grand Master or his representative, with a sufficient number of brethren to fill the stations, may open Grand Lodge and perform the ceremony for which it is called.

21. In case of the death, absence or disability of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, and Grand Junior Warden in succession shall assume his prerogatives and duties for all purposes save as excepted in the following sections.

22. In case of the death, absence or disability of the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master any Communication of Grand Lodge shall be presided over by the next immediate Past Grand Master in attendance or in the absence of a Past Grand Master by the Grand Officer of highest rank then present.

23. The powers of any "pro tempore" presiding officer shall be the same as those properly belonging to the office.

24. No brother below the rank of Past Grand Master shall assume the Throne though he be entitled to rule Grand Lodge.

RULES OF BUSINESS

25. The Grand Master having taken the Throne and opened Grand Lodge, the order of business at that Communication shall be then

adopted and Grand Lodge shall proceed accordingly.

26. A speaker shall address himself to the presiding officer only; he may continue to speak for not more than ten minutes, except by permission of the presiding officer. No one shall speak twice to the same motion, unless invited by the presiding officer to answer a question or give an explanation; this shall not prevent the mover from exercising his right to close the discussion. No one shall interrupt a speaker (unless on a point of order) except that the presiding officer on his own initiative or at the request of a member may call him to order. After a point of order has been decided the speaker may proceed. A written copy of any motion presented to Grand Lodge shall be handed to the Grand Secretary before it is discussed. Every motion involving an expenditure from the General Fund shall be referred to the Committee on Finance for a report before being discussed.

27. Should a brother be twice called to order at the same Communication, and again offend, the Grand Master may peremptorily command him to leave Grand Lodge for that Communication.

28. The Constitution of Grand Lodge may be amended or altered at any Annual Communication thereof by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided:

(a) That, subject to the provisions of Sec. (b) hereof, no amendment shall be entertained without notice in writing stating the amendment proposed and that the same has been approved by resolution of the Lodge of which the mover is a member.

(b) That there be a notice in writing proposing an amendment based upon and restricted to a report of a Committee of Grand Lodge which report has been presented to and adopted by Grand Lodge at a preceding Annual Communication, and which said proposed amendment shall have been approved by the said Committee of Grand Lodge.

And provided further that the said notice has been filed with the Grand Secretary four months previous to the Annual Communication and a copy of such proposed amendment or alteration sent by the Grand Secretary to each Lodge at least three months previous to said Communication.

Any amendment to the Constitution which has been rejected by Grand Lodge is not to be reconsidered at any time within three years after such rejection except by a resolution passed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, the vote thereon to be taken without debate.

VOTING

29. All questions coming before Grand Lodge shall be decided by a majority of the members present and voting, excepting only the election of officers, amendments to the Constitution, and all matters relating to the trust funds of Grand Lodge. In the event of a tie the presiding officer, in addition to his regular vote, shall have a casting vote.

30. In the election of officers, the vote shall be taken by ballot and a majority of all votes cast shall be necessary to elect. Every member (other than the Masters, Wardens and representatives of Lodges) shall be entitled to one vote.

In the election of the Board of General Purposes, Board of Benevolence or any other Board, the vote shall be by ballot. The candidates to the number to be elected who receive the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

If the Master and both Wardens of a Lodge be present, each shall be entitled to one vote.

If the Master and only one Warden of a Lodge be present, the Master shall be entitled to two votes and the Warden to one vote.

If the Master of a Lodge only be present he shall be entitled to three votes.

If the Master be also a Past Master he shall, in addition to any other vote or votes, be entitled to vote as a Past Master.

If both Wardens of a Lodge be present without the Master, the Senior Warden shall be entitled to two votes and the Junior Warden to one vote.

If one Warden of a Lodge only be present he shall be entitled to three votes.

If neither the Master nor either of the Wardens of a Lodge be present, the Senior Past Master in attendance shall be entitled to three votes in addition to his own.

31. Ballot papers shall be printed under the direction of the Grand Secretary indicating the number of votes cast with each ballot and under no circumstances shall a brother deposit more than one ballot paper.

32. In votes concerning all matters touching the trust funds of Grand Lodge the vote shall be taken as provided for in section 30 and a majority of the votes cast shall govern.

33. No vote affecting the trust funds of Grand Lodge shall be taken at any Commun-

ication unless notice of such motion shall have been given in the manner provided for an amendment to the Constitution.

ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS

34. The elective officers shall be chosen at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge and those present shall be duly installed or invested before the close of said Communication and shall hold office until their successors shall have been regularly chosen and installed or invested.

35. No brother is qualified to hold any office in Grand Lodge (except that of Grand Chaplain, Grand Organist and Grand Tyler) unless he has been regularly installed as Worshipful Master of a Lodge and is at the time of his election or appointment a member of this Grand Lodge.

36. The Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master shall be elected by ballot without nomination. The Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Grand Registrar shall be elected by ballot after nomination in writing, signed by a member of Grand Lodge and delivered to the Grand Secretary before 10 p.m. of the first day of the Annual Communication, and the nominations shall be announced immediately after the opening of Grand Lodge on the second day. The Grand Tyler shall be elected by open vote. All the other officers shall be appointed by the Grand Master after his installation.

37. Before proceeding with the election of officers the Grand Master shall appoint three or more scrutineers, none of whom shall be in nomination for office in Grand Lodge, to take charge of the ballot and to report the result

of each ballot to Grand Lodge. Before each individual election a list of those so nominated shall be read by the Grand Master to Grand Lodge and a copy thereof handed to the scrutineers.

38. Should any officer of Grand Lodge, other than the Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master die or remove from the Jurisdiction, or become incapable for any reason of performing the duties of his office, the Grand Master shall appoint a qualified brother to fill the position until the next Annual Communication, or during such incapacity.

39. The Masonic Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall, from time to time, be divided into districts. Each district so constituted shall hold, at such place within the district as may previously have been arranged by the Grand Master on or before the fifteenth day of October of each year, a meeting to be called the Annual District Meeting. At this meeting the Grand Master, D.D.G.M., or a deputy duly authorized by the Grand Master for that purpose may preside.

The function of the District Meetings is for the purpose of instruction and for the selection of the D.D.G.M. and they are not to be regarded as legislative bodies in any way and have no constitutional power or right to make a levy upon constituent Lodges for any purpose. This is not intended to interfere with the right to discuss questions relating to the welfare of the Craft and make recommendations to Grand Lodge through the D.D.G.M. The District Meeting may elect a District Secretary who shall hold office for one year or until his successor is elected in his stead and

it shall be the duty of such District Secretary to record the minutes of the District Meeting and perform such other secretarial duties as may be required of him by the D.D.G.M.

40. The District Deputy Grand Master of each Masonic District shall be selected by the majority of the Past Masters, Masters and Wardens of the Lodges within the District present at the annual District Meeting. The method of selection shall be by ballot after nomination in writing, and the selection shall take place at such time during said District Meeting as the Grand Master or his deputy shall decide. The D.D.G.M. selected must be a P.M., a resident of the District for which he is selected, present at such District Meeting and prepared to fulfil to the best of his power, skill and ability, the duties devolving upon him as such D.D.G.M. as laid down in section 46. Providing the selection is confirmed by the incoming Grand Master, the D.D.G.M. selected shall be invested at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

41. If the brother fails to attend for Investiture the Grand Master shall (except in the case of sickness or for other satisfactory reason) immediately after the election of the Grand Lodge officers declare the selection at the District Meeting void and call upon the representatives of the Lodges in the District present at Grand Lodge to immediately proceed with the selection of a D.D.G.M. In default of any selection being held, or should a vacancy occur in the office of D.D.G.M., the Grand Master shall appoint a duly qualified brother as D.D.G.M., who shall, after being

invested, have the same rank and privileges as if he had been regularly selected.

POWER AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

GRAND MASTER

42. The Grand Master is supreme in all matters concerning the fraternity and the peace and harmony of the Craft except when Grand Lodge limits his powers and prerogatives by the Constitution.

To him belongs the general supervision and government of the fraternity and for these purposes he is empowered to:

- (a) Preside in Grand Lodge at all its Communications.
- (b) Present at the Annual Communication a written address, enumerating all rulings and important official acts during the year, and recommending the legislation he may deem necessary or expedient for the continued welfare of the Craft, which address shall be referred to the Committee on Grand Masters' Address and Jurisprudence.
- (c) Constitute newly-chartered Lodges.
- (d) Exercise a general supervision over the Craft in this Jurisdiction.
- (e) Examine new or revised bylaws of Lodges and approve them if he finds them in accordance with the Constitution.
- (f) Grant dispensations: (1) To establish new Lodges; (2) to elect and install (or either) officers at a time other than that fixed by this Constitution; (3) to authorize any Lodge or Lodges to receive and act upon petitions for initiation from persons who do not possess the qualifications prescribed by this Constitution; (4) to authorize Lodges to re-

ceive and act upon new petitions from rejected applicants for initiation, without regard to the time limit prescribed by this Constitution; (5) to authorize any Lodge to confer a degree on a candidate in less than twenty-eight days from the time he received the preceding degree; (6) to authorize Lodges to confer Life Membership under the provisions of Section 174; (7) to relieve from Masonic disability a member of a Lodge whose Charter has been arrested or has lapsed, upon such terms and conditions as he shall deem proper.

(g) Arrest the Charter or dispensation of any Lodge.

(h) Suspend from office any Grand Officer or District Deputy Grand Master, or any officer of a Lodge, or to restore him after suspension.

(i) Require any Grand Officer to attend him for the purpose of making a report and to report regarding his official position, and to produce any documents or correspondence in his possession that may relate to the business of Grand Lodge.

(j) Appoint representatives near other recognized Grand Lodges and to receive accredited representatives from those Grand Lodges.

(k) Decide all questions of Masonic Law.

(l) Call a meeting of a Lodge for a special purpose.

(m) Preside in a Lodge and direct its proceedings.

(n) Summon the Master of a Lodge to attend him or any other Grand Officer or a Committee of the Board, and to require the production of the charter, books, papers or accounts of the Lodge.

- (o) Commission a Grand Officer to visit a Lodge and make a report.
- (p) Pass in review the record or activities of a Lodge.
- (q) Officiate at all ceremonies.
- (r) Require any Grand Officer to attend him on his official visits.
- (s) Permit the "healing" of a candidate irregularly conducted through the ceremony of a degree.
- (t) Call a special meeting of any Board or Committee.
- (u) Exercise all other privileges and prerogatives that are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

43. The Grand Master may be consulted officially on any subject relating to the Craft but only through the Grand Secretary, Deputy Grand Master, or District Deputy Grand Master.

DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

44. It shall be the duty of the Deputy Grand Master to assist the Grand Master as he shall direct.

He shall exercise all the prerogatives and perform all the duties of the Grand Master in case of his death, absence or disability.

He shall *ex officio* be President of the Board of General Purposes.

GRAND WARDENS

45. It shall be the duty of the Grand Wardens to aid the Grand Master in conducting the business of Grand Lodge, and the supervision of the Craft. They shall whenever commanded attend the Grand Master

and act as his Wardens while he presides in any particular Lodge.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

46. It shall be his duty to visit each Lodge in his District at least once during his term, for which visit he shall receive his actual travelling expenses out of the funds of Grand Lodge; to examine its books and records; to inspect its mode of working; to enquire into its condition and proceedings and give Masonic advice and instruction; to recommend attention to the moral and benevolent principles of Masonry and caution in the admission of candidates; to prepare a statement in tabular form of the condition of each Lodge in his District for the year ending 27th December and a report on the general condition of Masonry in his District and of his actions therein, with such particulars as he may deem necessary and to transmit such statement and report to the Grand Secretary on or before the 15th day of May to be laid before the Grand Master and the Committee on the Condition of Masonry; to notify the Grand Secretary of the selection of his successor, giving the date and place of his selection and to perform such other duties as may be deputed to him by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge. The D.D.G.M. may preside in each Lodge upon the occasion of his official visit. It shall further be his duty to receive and transmit to the Grand Secretary any petition for a dispensation to establish a new Lodge, or for the removal of a Lodge from one place to another in the District. With such applications he shall send a recommendation based on enquiries he has made.

GRAND TREASURER

47. The Grand Treasurer shall be entrusted with all the general and trust funds of Grand Lodge. He shall keep such books and accounts in such manner as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of General Purposes. His books shall always be open for inspection by the Grand Master or President of the Board of General Purposes, or any Committee thereof authorized to inspect the same. He shall disburse the said funds as Grand Lodge or other proper authority shall direct and produce a statement of receipts and disbursements at every Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

He shall keep in some regularly chartered bank to be selected by the Committee on Finance all the moneys, notes, bonds or other securities that may come into his possession as Grand Treasurer. The accounts in said bank shall be kept in the name of "Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons" and no payment shall be made unless on warrants drawn by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and countersigned by the Grand Secretary. All cheques shall be signed by the Grand Treasurer and countersigned by the Chairman of the Committee on Finance or by the Grand Master.

He shall keep a separate account in the said bank for the Benevolent Fund and shall forthwith, after receipt thereof, transfer to the said account all moneys that properly belong to the said Benevolent Fund and all disbursements therefrom shall be made as provided by the rules governing the said Fund.

He shall execute, within fifteen days after each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, a fidelity bond, in such penal sum as shall be approved by the Board of General Purposes and conditioned as such Board shall require.

48. The financial year of Grand Lodge shall close on the 31st day of March in each year.

GRAND SECRETARY

49. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to:

(a) Record all the transactions of Grand Lodge which it is proper to have written, and to superintend the publication thereof immediately after the close of each Annual Communication under such instruction as may be given by Grand Lodge.

(b) Receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and documents addressed or belonging to Grand Lodge, and to present such as may require its action at each Communication thereof.

(c) Collect all moneys due to Grand Lodge; keep a correct account thereof in proper books and pay the same forthwith into the bank account of Grand Lodge as aforeprovided, taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of which he shall forthwith transmit to the Grand Treasurer.

(d) Report at each Annual Communication a detailed statement of all moneys received by him during the financial year, with a specific statement of the sources whence they were derived.

(e) Report at each Annual Communication all Lodges in arrears to Grand Lodge or which

have neglected or refused to comply with any provisions of its Constitution.

(f) Conduct the correspondence of Grand Lodge.

(g) Attend Grand Lodge at all its Communications and the Grand Master when required, with the books and necessary papers appertaining to his office.

(h) Transmit to each Lodge within the Jurisdiction, once in every six months, a list of all rejections, suspensions and restorations of which he shall have been notified by the several Lodges.

(i) Issue notices of all Communications of Grand Lodge to all Grand Lodge Officers and to each Lodge. In the notice of the Annual Communication to include all notices of motion required under this Constitution.

(j) Take charge of the jewels, furniture, clothing and other paraphernalia of Grand Lodge.

(k) Furnish every Grand Officer elected or appointed with a certificate of such election or appointment.

(l) Report at each Annual Communication all unfinished business of Grand Lodge and to present all such other matters to its notice as may properly come within his province.

(m) Have the custody of the seal of Grand Lodge and affix the same to all charters, warrants, certificates and other documents issued by authority of Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master, in conformity with the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

(n) Perform all such other duties, appertaining to his office, as Grand Lodge may direct.

50. He shall execute, within fifteen days after each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, a fidelity bond, in such penal sum as shall be approved by the Board of General Purposes and conditioned as such Board shall require.

51. He shall receive such remuneration for his services as Grand Lodge may direct.

GRAND REGISTRAR

51a. The Grand Registrar shall supervise the Register of Grand Lodge and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by Grand Lodge or by the Board of General Purposes.

GRAND CHAPLAIN

52. It shall be the duty of the Grand Chaplain to attend all Communications of Grand Lodge, there to offer up to the G.A.O.T.U. the prayers of the brethren, invoke His blessing upon their labours and assist in the necessary rites and ceremonies on all Masonic occasions.

GRAND DEACONS

53. There shall be two Grand Deacons whose duty shall be to bear the messages of the Grand Master and Grand Wardens throughout Grand Lodge.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENT OF WORKS

54. There shall be a Grand Superintendent of Works whose duties shall be such as are prescribed in the ceremonials of Grand Lodge.

GRAND STEWARDS

55. There shall be eight Grand Stewards whose duties shall be to provide, under the direction of the Grand Master, for the comfort

and convenience of the brethren when assembled in Grand Lodge and to superintend the festivals thereof.

GRAND DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES

56. It shall be the duty of the Grand Director of Ceremonies to form and regulate all processions of Grand Lodge, make all necessary proclamations, see that the proper ceremonies on all occasions are duly observed and enforce the orders of the Grand Master.

GRAND PURSUIVANT

57. The Grand Pursuivant shall receive the reports of the Grand Tyler, announce the names and Masonic titles of all who desire admission, see that none enter without their proper clothing and jewels and enforce the orders of the Grand Master.

GRAND TYLER

58. The Grand Tyler shall guard the outer door of Grand Lodge, report to the Grand Pursuivant the names and Masonic titles of all who desire admission and perform such other duties as may be required of him.

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

59. For the better carrying out of the general business of Grand Lodge there shall be a Board of General Purposes which shall consist of the Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar and ten others, members of Grand Lodge, (five of whom shall be elected by ballot after nomination each year and shall hold office for two years from date of election).

If at the time of the holding of the Annual Communication any vacancy exists for any cause or occurs by reason of election of a member to an office by which he becomes a member of the Board *ex officio* before his term as a member of the Board expires, such vacancy shall be filled at the Annual Communication by the election of a member for the unexpired portion of such term.

60. Nominations for the Board shall be in writing, signed by a member of Grand Lodge, and delivered to the Grand Secretary before 10 p.m. of the first day of the Annual Communication and at least three copies of the names so nominated shall be conspicuously posted by the Grand Secretary in the approaches to Grand Lodge at least one hour before the opening of the first session of the second day and remain posted throughout the remaining sessions.

61. A meeting of the Board shall be held on the Tuesday in June preceding the meeting of Grand Lodge. Special meetings may be convened at other times by the Grand Master or President, and any meetings may adjourn from time to time if necessary. All meetings shall be held at such hour and place as may be designated in the notice calling the same.

62. A meeting of the Board shall be held at the close of each Annual Communication, at the place appointed for holding said Communication, for the purpose of electing a Vice-President; selecting the several standing committees and for the transaction of other business.

63. Each standing committee of the Board shall consist of five or more members of whom

the first named shall be Chairman and a majority shall form a quorum.

64. Should the President and Vice-President be absent the Board shall elect a Chairman *pro tem.*

65. Seven members shall form a quorum. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present and voting; the presiding officer in case of a tie having a second vote.

66. The Board shall have authority to hear and determine all Masonic complaints, not being Masonic offences, respecting Lodges or individual Masons when regularly brought before it.

67. The Board may summon any of the officers of a Lodge or any brother to appear before it for the purpose of an enquiry and may order the custodians thereof to produce the warrant, books, papers and accounts of the Lodge. If such order be disobeyed and sufficient reason for noncompliance be not given the offending Lodge or brother may be suspended by the Grand Master and the proceedings reported to Grand Lodge.

68. A full report of the proceedings of the Board in all cases of complaint investigated by it shall be preserved in a book to be kept for that purpose. The judgment of the Board shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

69. In case of any complaint affecting a member of the Board or the Lodge to which he belongs, such member shall withdraw while the Board considers its decision.

70. The Board shall have charge of the finances of Grand Lodge; shall examine all

claims upon it and when found correct shall order the Grand Treasurer to pay them and shall submit to Grand Lodge an estimate of expenses for the ensuing year.

71. The Board shall be satisfied that the Bonds as required by Sections 47 and 50 are duly executed; shall have full power to inspect all books and papers relating to the accounts of Grand Lodge Lodge, and may by rules and regulations prescribe the manner in which the moneys and accounts thereof shall be kept. Such rules and regulations shall be reported to Grand Lodge.

72. The Board shall annually appoint an auditor or auditors the status of whom shall be that of Chartered Accountant or Chartered Accountants. His duties shall be to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer once each six months and to file a report with the Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Grand Lodge office at the end of the first six months and not later than the first day of May each year file copies of his complete audit reports and financial statements for the financial year in the office of the Grand Secretary and with the Chairman of the Finance Committee. He shall submit a detailed report to the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund showing inter alia the sums of money from time to time received and deposited in a chartered bank to the credit of the Benevolent Fund and Benefit Fund. He shall receive such remuneration as the Board shall determine.

73. The Board may summon any officer or brother having possession of any books, papers, documents or accounts belonging to Grand Lodge to appear before it and may give such

directions as may be deemed necessary regarding them.

74. The Board shall have the direction of everything relating to the furniture or regalia of Grand Lodge.

75. The Board shall have the general care and regulation of all the concerns of Grand Lodge.

76. No recommendation, petition or representation of any kind shall be received by the Board unless it be in writing and signed by the person or persons addressing the Board.

77. All communications from the Board to the Grand Master, Grand Lodge, Boards, Committees, Lodge or brother shall be made in writing.

78. The Board shall proceed to the consideration of any special matter which may be referred to it by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge in preference to other business.

79. The Board may appoint committees from among its members for specific purposes which must report to the Board.

80. The standing committees shall report through the Board to Grand Lodge, except the Committee on Grand Masters' Address and Jurisprudence, which shall report direct to Grand Lodge.

81. All transactions and resolutions of the Board shall be entered in the minute book by the Grand Secretary.

82. The actual expenses of the members of the Board of General Purposes, incurred within the territorial jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and of Committees and Commissions appointed by Grand Lodge or the Grand Master in attending meetings thereof, respectively shall be paid out of the

funds of Grand Lodge, the amount thereof to be approved by the Committee on Finance of the Board of General Purposes.

83. At each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge the Board shall report to Grand Lodge.

STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

84. The standing committees of the Board shall be: Grand Masters' Address and Jurisprudence, Grievances and Appeals, Condition of Masonry, Foreign Relations and Correspondence, Finance, Masonic Relief and Charity, Charters, Necrology, Grand Lodge Library, Printing and Supplies, Masonic History, and Custodians of the Work.

85. It shall be the duty of the **Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence**, of whom a majority shall be Past Grand Masters, to consider and report on the Grand Master's annual address; to consider and report to Grand Lodge upon all motions for amending or altering the Constitution; to confer with the Grand Master upon all questions and decisions of Masonic law and usage presented to them for their consideration and decision.

86. It shall be the duty of the **Committee on Grievances and Appeals** to consider and report, with such recommendations as it may deem proper, upon all documents and papers relating to any matter of complaint or grievance appertaining to Masonic discipline and all appeals from the decision of any Lodge, or the Master thereof, and upon all petitions for restoration which may be referred to it. The members of this committee shall be in Masonic

clothing when they proceed to the investigation of any appeal or complaint.

87. It shall be the duty of the **Committee on the Condition of Masonry** to carefully examine all reports, returns, proceedings, correspondence, etc., referred to it; to consider all matters respecting the Craft at home, the doings and reports of the officers of Grand Lodge and the internal economy of Grand Lodge and the constituent Lodges; to recommend for the rank of Right Worshipful Past District Deputy Grand Master such brethren as, in its opinion, have faithfully discharged their duties as District Deputy Grand Masters.

88. It shall be the duty of the **Committee on Foreign Correspondence and Relations** to examine all the printed or written proceedings or documents emanating from other Grand Lodges in correspondence with this Grand Lodge and to report to each Annual Communication whatever it may deem of sufficient importance and interest to the Craft.

89. It shall be the duty of the **Committee on Finance:**

(a) To examine into and report upon all matters touching the finances of Grand Lodge not otherwise provided for, and to it shall be referred all subjects involving an appropriation of its funds and without such reference no such appropriation shall be made.

(b) To examine and compare or cause to be examined and compared, the books, papers, vouchers and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and submit a report of the financial condition of Grand Lodge at each Annual Communication.

(c) To present before the close of each Annual Communication an estimate of the probable receipts and expenses of the current year (giving each class of expenditure under its proper head) and recommend such amount as may be necessary for the expense of Grand Lodge.

90. It shall be the duty of the **Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity**, to whom applications for assistance from the General Fund of Grand Lodge must be referred, to examine all such applications and report thereon to Grand Lodge with such recommendations as it may deem advisable.

91. It shall be the duty of the **Committee on Charters** to perform the duties prescribed by Section 184 and to examine all records of Lodges U.D.; to consider the District Deputy Grand Master's reports thereon; to make such other enquiries as they may deem necessary and to report to Grand Lodge with recommendations as the circumstances may warrant.

92. It shall be the duty of the **Committee on Necrology** to prepare and present to Grand Lodge appropriate memoirs of deceased Masons of this Jurisdiction who in their judgment may be entitled to such recognition.

93. It shall be the duty of the **Committee on Grand Lodge Library** to collect valuable publications on Freemasonry, to appoint a member of Grand Lodge as Librarian and to present an annual report to Grand Lodge on the condition of the Library.

94. It shall be the duty of the **Committee on Printing and Supplies** to order and control all printing and procure all supplies for and on

account of Grand Lodge and its officers and report to Grand Lodge.

95. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Masonic History to collect, classify, arrange and file with the Grand Secretary biographies of distinguished Masons, photographs, and all available data, documents, and material touching matters of interest to the Fraternity in Saskatchewan for future reference. It shall also be the duty of said Committee to call in from time to time and examine the Historical Registers of constituent Lodges and offer such suggestions to the Lodges for the better preservation of all historical facts and records as they may deem necessary. Said Committee shall report at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge such matters, with such recommendations as they may deem advisable, and all papers, documents, communications, etc., properly pertaining to the subject of Masonic History and coming into the hands of Grand Officers and others during the year shall be duly referred to said Committee for its information, consideration and report thereon, if necessary.

96. It shall be the duty of the Custodians of the Work to have supervision of the Esoteric work and all ceremonials of this Jurisdiction and full control of the promulgation thereof, subject to the approval of the Grand Master, and in conjunction with the Grand Master they shall hold a Lodge of Instruction for District Deputy Grand Masters at the close of each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. This Committee shall be wholly composed of Past Grand Masters, provided that the Grand Secretary shall be ex officio a member thereof.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

97. At its meeting in June prior to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Board of General Purposes shall appoint three or more Masters or Past Masters, members of Grand Lodge, as a Committee on Credentials. This Committee shall be provided by the Grand Secretary with a book containing the names of all brethren entitled to vote with the name and number of their respective Lodges, and after examination of all credentials, shall cause to be registered the names of the brethren in attendance who are qualified to vote and the number of votes they are entitled to cast at the election of officers and in matters touching the trust funds of Grand Lodge; deliver to each of such brethren the ballot paper to which he is entitled and report in writing to Grand Lodge the names of those who are entitled to vote and the number of votes to which each is entitled.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

98. Special committees may be appointed by Grand Lodge or by the Grand Master to perform such duties as may be assigned to them.

FEES

99. The following shall be the fees payable to Grand Lodge:

For a dispensation for a new Lodge, twenty-five dollars.

For a charter, thirty-five dollars.

For a new charter, in case of loss by fire or otherwise, properly certified as beyond the control of the Lodge, the actual cost of said charter.

For a dispensation to initiate a candidate under twenty-one years of age, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to confer any degree in less time than one month, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to initiate a person from without the Jurisdiction of the Lodge, ten dollars.

For a dispensation to attend Divine Service in Masonic clothing, one dollar. (For attending Divine Service without regalia no dispensation required).

For a dispensation to elect, install or invest an officer or officers who for reasons satisfactory to the Grand Master were not elected, installed or invested at the regular installation, one dollar.

For a dispensation for Life Membership under Section 174, one dollar.

For a dispensation to ballot on the application of a person suffering from disabilities incurred while on active service with His Majesty's forces or the forces of His Majesty's Allies, one dollar.

For a dispensation for any purpose not otherwise provided for, five dollars.

For a Master Mason's Certificate, two dollars.

For a Master Mason's Certificate, to replace one lost or cancelled, one dollar.

For a Past Master's Certificate, one dollar.

For a Life Member's Certificate, one dollar.

For every person initiated in a Lodge, two dollars registration fee, and ten dollars for the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund.

For every brother affiliating with a Lodge, one dollar registration fee.

For every member of each Lodge, eighty cents per annum for Grand Lodge purposes and for the purposes of the Benefit Fund, forty cents.

100. When a Lodge is unable to pay the per capita levy with its semi-annual return and so advises the Grand Secretary, the Grand Master shall have power to cause an investigation to be made into the financial condition of such Lodge and if satisfied of the need thereof, then after consultation with the Committee on Finance, may grant the Lodge such assistance either financial or by extending the time for payment as he may deem necessary and advisable.

CLOTHING AND INSIGNIA

101. No regalia nor jewel (other than that of a Grand Representative), which shall not appertain to the degrees of Craft Masonry, shall be worn in Grand Lodge or any constituent Lodge.

102. The following clothing and insignia shall be worn by the Craft and no brother shall be admitted into Grand Lodge or any constituent Lodge without his proper clothing.

APRONS

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Apron lined with garter blue, edgings of the same colour, bound with gold and gold tassels, ornamented with the blazing sun embroidered in gold in the centre, on the edgings the pomegranate and lotus, with the seven-eared wheat at each corner, and also on the fall, all in gold embroidery; the fringe of gold bullion.

Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—

Apron lined with garter blue, edgings of the same colour, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblem of his office in gold within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered in the centre and the pomegranate and lotus alternately embroidered on the edging.

Grand Wardens, District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Present and Past.—

Aprons lined with garter blue, edgings of the same colour, three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblem of their office in gold within an embossed wreath composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered in the centre, and acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered on the edging, one on each side.

Other Appointed Officers of Grand Lodge, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—

Aprons from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, lined with garter blue, edgings of the same colour three and a half inches, bound with gold and gold tassels, with the emblems of their office in gold and blue in the centre.

Grand Stewards of the Year. —

Aprons from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, lined with crimson, edging of the same

colour three and a half inches, bound with silver and silver tassels, with the emblem of their office in silver and crimson in the centre.

The Master and Past Masters of a Lodge.—

A plain white lambskin from fourteen to sixteen inches wide, twelve to fourteen inches deep, with sky blue lining and edging two inches deep, silver tassels and three emblems, two at the bottom and one on the flap, consisting of perpendicular lines upon horizontal lines, thereby forming three several sets of two right angles, the length of the horizontal lines to be two and a half inches each and of the perpendicular lines one inch; these emblems to be of ribbon, half an inch broad, and of the same colour as the lining and edging of the apron, or silver.

Master Mason.—The same, with three sky blue rosettes in place of the emblems. No other colour or ornament shall be allowed except to officers and past officers of Lodges, who may have the emblem of their office in silver or sky blue in the centre.

Fellow Craft.—A plain white lambskin same size as the Master's apron with two sky blue rosettes at the bottom.

Entered Apprentice.—The same but without ornament; white strings.

COLLARS

Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold, or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by nine stars.

Deputy Grand Master, Present and Past.—Chain of gold, or metal gilt, over blue collar designated by seven stars.

Grand Wardens, District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar, Present and Past.—Collars of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad, embroidered with the seven-eared wheat and the acacia in gold, one on each side.

Grand Stewards of the Year.—Collars of crimson, four inches broad, bound with silver lace.

Other Appointed Grand Officers, Present and Past, and Past Grand Stewards.—Collars of garter blue ribbon, four inches broad, and bound with gold lace.

Masters, Past Masters and Lodge Officers.—Collars of sky blue ribbon. If silver chain be used it must be placed over sky blue ribbon.

Provided that the above clauses relating to aprons and collars shall not apply to Kinistino Lodge No. 1.

GAUNTLETS

All Elected Grand Officers, Present and Past. Gauntlets of garter blue, bound with gold and the jewel of their office, within an embossed wreath, composed of the acacia and seven-eared wheat embroidered in gold on the face.

Masters and Past Masters.—Gauntlets of sky blue with square in silver.

JEWELS

Grand Master.—The compasses extended to 45 degrees, with the segment of a circle at the points, and a gold plate included, on which is to be represented an eye irradiated within a triangle also irradiated.

Past Grand Master.—A similar jewel without the gold plate.

Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united, with a five-pointed star in the centre.

Past Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square only.

Grand Senior Warden, Present and Past.—The level.

Grand Junior Warden, Present and Past.—The plumb.

District Deputy Grand Master.—The compasses and square united with a five-pointed star in the centre, the whole to be placed within a circle on which is the name and number of the district.

Past District Deputy Grand Master.—The same, omitting the five-pointed star in the centre.

Grand Treasurer, Present and Past.—A chased key.

Grand Secretary, Present and Past.—Crossed pens with a tie.

Grand Registrar, Present and Past.—A scroll.

Grand Chaplain, Present and Past.—A book on the triangle.

Grand Deacons, Present and Past.—Dove and olive branch.

Grand Superintendent of Works, Present and Past.—A semi-circle protractor.

Grand Director of Ceremonies, Present and Past.—Crossed rods.

Grand Organist, Present and Past.—A lyre.

Grand Pursuivant, Present and Past.—Arms of Grand Lodge with rod and sword crossed.

The jewels of the Grand Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Chaplain, Deacons, Superintendent of Works, Director of Ceremonies, Organist and Pursuivant are to be within a circle, with an embossed wreath composed of a sprig of acacia and an ear of corn.

Grand Stewards.—A cornucopia between the legs of a pair of compasses, extended upon an irradiated gold plate, within a circle on which is engraved "Saskatchewan."

Grand Tyler.—The sword in a circle, on which is engraved "Saskatchewan."

All Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past, shall wear pendant to their collars the jewel designating their rank. The jewels of all Past Grand Officers, other than Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters and Past District Deputy Grand Masters, shall be on a blue enameled oval medal. The jewel of the Past Grand Steward is oval in form and of the same device as the jewel of a Grand Steward but on crimson enamel instead of the irradiated plate and of smaller size.

All the above jewels to be of gold or gilt.

Master of Lodges.—The square.

Past Masters.—The square and the diagram of the 47th proposition, 1st book of Euclid, engraven on a silver plate pendant within.

Senior Warden.—The level.

Junior Warden.—The plumb.

Treasurer.—The key.

Secretary.—Crossed pens.

Chaplain.—A book on a triangle.

Deacons.—The dove.

Director of Ceremonies.—The crossed rods.

Organist.—The lyre.

Inner Guard.—The crossed swords.

Stewards.—The cornucopia.

Tyler.—The sword.

All the above jewels to be of silver.

CLOTHING

103. In Grand Lodge and on all occasions when they appear in their official capacities all Grand Officers, Present and Past, must wear their full clothing and insignia.

104. In the constituent Lodge and when not appearing in their official capacities in Grand Lodge, Past Grand Officers may wear the following undress clothing instead of their full clothing and insignia:

APRON

Past Grand Master.—A plain white lambskin, eighteen inches wide, sixteen inches deep, inclusive of a four-inch garter blue ribbon border, ornamented with

the blazing sun embroidered in blue silk in the centre, with three levels in blue silk and gilt chain tassels.

Past Deputy Grand Master.—Apron of same dimensions with the square and compass embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Senior Warden.—Apron of same dimensions, with the level embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Junior Warden.—Apron of same dimensions, with the plumb embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past District Deputy Grand Master.—Apron of the same dimensions, bordered with garter blue ribbon, four inches wide, with the name and number of the district in a circle, surmounting a square and compass, embroidered in blue silk in the centre.

Past Grand Treasurer.—Apron of same dimensions with key embroidered in blue silk, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Secretary.—Apron of same dimensions, with two pens in saltire or crossed over tied with ribbon within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Registrar.—Apron of same dimensions, with a scroll with seal appended, embroidered in blue silk in the centre within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Chaplain.—Apron of the same dimensions with the book within the triangle, surmounting a glory or radiated star of 12 points.

Past Grand Deacon.—Apron of same dimensions, with the dove and olive branch embroidered in silk in the centre within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Superintendent of Works.—Apron of the same dimensions with a semi-circular protractor embroidered in blue silk within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Director of Ceremonies.—Apron of same dimensions with two rods in saltire or crossed over tied with ribbon embroidered in blue silk within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Organist.—Apron of same dimensions, with a lyre or harp embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

Past Grand Pursuivant.—Apron of same dimensions, with arms of Grand Lodge surmounting a sword and rod, saltire or crossed, embroidered in blue silk in the centre within a wreath of corn and acacia,

Past Grand Stewards.—Apron of the same dimensions, with a cornucopia embroidered in blue silk in the centre, within a wreath of corn and acacia.

COLLARS AND JEWELS

All collars shall be of plain garter blue ribbon four inches wide to which shall be appended the jewel of the office.

LODGES

105. The precedence of Lodges shall be determined from the number of their respective Charters as registered in the books of Grand Lodge.

106. The elective officers of a Lodge are the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Treasurer, Secretary and Tyler. (The office of Secretary and Treasurer may, by a bylaw of the Lodge, be combined.) The appointed officers are the Chaplain, Senior and Junior Deacons, two Stewards, and the Inner Guard, to which number may be added Director of Ceremonies, Organist and Assistant Officers. They shall severally hold office until their successors respectively have been regularly elected or appointed and installed or invested in their stead. N.B.—The Master only is installed. The other officers are invested and no installation or investiture of any elective officer can be performed by proxy.

POWERS

107. The powers of a Lodge are such as are prescribed in its dispensation or Charter, by the Constitution of Grand Lodge and by the ancient charges, landmarks and regulations of Masonry, and are defined as follows:

(a) "Executive."—In the direction and performance of its work, as prescribed by Grand Lodge, under the control of the Master, and in all other matters in aid of the Master, who is the primary executive authority of the Lodge.

(b) "Legislative."—Including all matters of legislation relative to its internal concerns, which shall not be in violation of the ancient

charges, landmarks and regulations of Masonry, the Constitution of Grand Lodge, or its own bylaws, subject to its rights to amend or repeal said bylaws.

(c) "Judicial."—Embracing the exercise of discipline over its own members (except the Master) and all other Masons within its jurisdiction and the settlement of controversies among them, subject always to review by Grand Lodge on appeal.

108. Every Lodge has power to frame by-laws for its own government, provided they are not inconsistent with the Constitution of Grand Lodge. The bylaws, or any amendments thereto, must be submitted for the approval of the Grand Master and, when approved, a copy must be sent to the Grand Secretary, and no bylaw or amendment shall be valid until so submitted and approved.

109. The majority of the members of a Lodge present at any regular meeting shall have the privilege of giving instructions to the Master and Wardens or other representative of the Lodge concerning any matters to come before Grand Lodge at its next ensuing Communication, because such officers are their representatives and are to express their sentiments.

DUTIES

110. The bylaws of the Lodge shall be written or printed in a book and a copy delivered to the Master at his installation. Every member shall have access to them at all reasonable times.

111. Each Lodge shall provide the several books required to be kept by the Secretary and Treasurer, which shall be prepared in accord-

ance with the forms prescribed by the Board of General Purposes.

112. Each Lodge shall have all official communications from the Grand Master or Grand Secretary, under the seal of the Grand Lodge, read in open Lodge at the regular meeting following their receipt, which communications shall be noted in the minutes of the Lodge.

113. Each Lodge shall transmit semi-annually to the Grand Secretary, on the form furnished by him according to the instructions accompanying same, a full and correct return of its transactions for the six months ending February 28th and August 31st. These shall be prepared in duplicate, one copy to be retained and preserved by the Secretary of the Lodge and the other copy, together with all fees, dues and indebtedness to Grand Lodge and the demits or certificates of standing of all brethren affiliated with the Lodge during the term, to be forwarded to the Grand Secretary on or before March 1st and September 1st in each year. Failure to have these returns and dues in the Grand Secretary's office in time to have all corrections made before March 10th and September 10th subjects the delinquent Lodge to a penalty of one dollar for each day's delinquency.

114. All Masonic correspondence between members or Lodges of this Grand Jurisdiction and members or Lodges in other Grand Jurisdictions, shall pass through the respective Grand Lodge offices and no correspondence nor Masonic intercourse shall be entered into with any other Grand Jurisdiction until it shall have been declared regular by this Grand Lodge.

115. Subject to the provisions of section 170 no Lodge nor any member thereof shall recognize as a Mason a past or present resident in any part of this Grand Jurisdiction, who during such residence has been initiated into Masonry by any body beyond this Jurisdiction without the permission of the Lodge within this Jurisdiction, nearest his place of residence, such permission being given in the manner necessary for an election to receive the degrees, until such terms as may be imposed by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge are complied with. Provided, however, that if such Mason shall have made application for initiation in another Grand Jurisdiction, recognized by this Grand Jurisdiction, before removing his residence to this Grand Jurisdiction and shall be initiated in such Grand Jurisdiction, within three months after his removal of residence to this Grand Jurisdiction, he shall be exempt from the provisions of the preceding portion of this section.

116. No Lodge nor any member thereof shall recognize or receive a demit or certificate of standing of a member of a Sister Jurisdiction until such has been approved by the Grand Secretary.

117. No Lodge nor any officer or member thereof shall, under any circumstances, give a certificate of recommendation, to enable a Mason to proceed from Lodge to Lodge as a pauper or in an itinerant manner to apply to Lodges for relief.

118. All Lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs; every deviation from the established mode of work-

ing is highly improper and cannot be justified or countenanced.

MEETINGS

119. The day and hour of the regular meetings of the Lodge shall be specified in its by-laws. At all meetings of a Lodge whether regular or emergent seven Master Masons shall form a quorum and no business shall be transacted at any meeting unless at least five members of the Lodge be present.

An amendment to the bylaws of a Lodge adding to the clause governing regular meetings, excepting certain months of the year, is contrary to the spirit of their Charter, nor can any Lodge discontinue meetings by resolution of the Lodge but the W.M. of a Lodge is within his rights to declare that no meetings shall be held in any month if for good reasons he considers it inadvisable.

120. A Lodge of emergency may be called at any time by giving seven clear days' notice in writing, on the authority of the Master, or in his absence of the Senior Warden, or in his absence of the Junior Warden, but on no pretence without such authority. A Lodge of emergency for the purpose of attending the funeral of a deceased brother may be called at any time without the ordinary seven clear days' notice by the Worshipful Master, or in his absence by the Senior Warden, or in his absence by the Junior Warden, but not without such authority. The particular reason for calling a Lodge of emergency shall be expressed in the notice and afterwards recorded in the minute book, and no business other than that so expressed shall be entered upon at such

meeting. No Lodge has the power of adjourning from day to day.

121. No Lodge shall remove its place of meeting from that named in its dispensation or Charter, unless notice shall have been given at a regular meeting that a resolution of such removal will be offered at the next succeeding one, nor unless such resolution shall have been adopted by the votes of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting at such succeeding regular meeting; nor shall such removal then take place until the action of the Lodge shall have been approved by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge.

122. All the business of the Lodge must be conducted in the third degree except as provided in the Ceremonies.

ELECTION, APPOINTMENT, INSTALLATION AND INVESTITURE OF OFFICERS

123. Every Master Mason in good standing is eligible for any office in the Lodge, except that of Master, for which only a brother who has been elected and invested as Warden of a Lodge and has served a full Masonic year as such (Wardens in newly-chartered Lodges excepted) is eligible, except by dispensation of the Grand Master; provided that a brother who has not served as Warden may be nominated as Worshipful Master of a Lodge under dispensation.

124. The Master, Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary of each Lodge shall be elected annually by ballot without nomination and the Tyler by open vote, at the regular meeting in the month next preceding the anniversary of St. John the Evangelist, or St. John the Bap-

tist. In the event of the regular meeting of the Lodge being determined by the moon and there being no regular meeting in the calendar month next preceding the festival, the election must then be held at the regular meeting in October or April, as the case may be. A majority of the votes of the members present and voting shall be necessary to elect. They shall be installed or invested at the festival meeting next following or, in the event of it being impracticable to hold the installation and investiture at such festival, then at the regular meeting immediately preceding such festival, or at a special meeting called for that purpose on a date subsequent to the regular meeting immediately preceding the festival and previous to the regular meeting immediately succeeding same. If an elected officer be absent on the night set by the Lodge for installation and investiture he cannot be installed or invested at any succeeding meeting except by dispensation of the Grand Master.

Every Lodge shall, immediately after the annual installation and investiture of its officers, transmit to the Grand Secretary, in accordance with the form prescribed, a duly certified list of the names of newly installed and invested officers, with the dates of their election and installation and investiture and the name and title of the installing Master. It shall be the duty of the retiring Secretary to make and transmit said return and it shall be the duty of the retiring Worshipful Master to require the Secretary to perform this duty promptly. Any Lodge failing to transmit such return within ten days shall be held to be

delinquent therein and shall be so reported by the Grand Secretary to Grand Lodge.

125. Should a Lodge fail to hold an election or to install and invest its officers at the time above named, the Grand Master may issue a dispensation to hold such election or installation and investiture, or both, at another time and of the special election or installation and investiture thus held the members shall have the length and manner of notice prescribed for an emergent meeting.

126. Should the office of Master or Warden become vacant it shall be filled as directed by dispensation. Should any other elective office become vacant, no dispensation shall be required to fill the vacancy, but notice of the special election shall be included in the notice of the regular meeting at which the election is to be held.

127. The Chaplain, Deacons, Stewards, Inner Guard, and such other subordinate officers as the bylaws of each Lodge may designate, shall be appointed by the Master after his installation, and the officers so appointed shall be properly invested as soon as practicable after their appointment.

128. No brother, other than the Secretary, who may also hold the office of Treasurer, if the bylaws of the Lodge so provide, can hold two or more offices in the same Lodge at the same time.

129. A Master elect shall not assume the Master's chair until he has given evidence of his proficiency to a Board of Installed Masters and been regularly installed. Previous to the installation his election must be confirmed.

130. Should the election not be confirmed, a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the Lodge setting forth that the brethren are again to proceed to elect a Master, and on the confirmation of that election at the following regular meeting of the Lodge, and provided the Master so elected has in the meantime passed a Board of Installed Masters, the installation shall follow.

The Examining Board shall be elected by open vote of the Lodge on the night of the election of officers. They shall examine the Master elect on some date previous to the date of installation and shall on the latter date present their report in writing to the Lodge.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MASTER

131. Every Master, before being placed in the chair, shall solemnly pledge himself to observe all the ancient charges, usages, customs and regulations and preserve the landmarks of the Craft and most strictly enforce them within his Lodge.

132. The Master shall have power to congregate his Lodge whenever he shall deem it proper; to issue, or cause to be issued all summonses or notices which may be required; to discharge all the executive functions of his Lodge, and to perform all such other acts by ancient usage proper to his office as shall not be in contravention of any provision of the Constitution.

133. It shall be his duty to preside at all meetings of his Lodge; to confer all degrees in strict accordance with the esoteric work which has been, or may hereafter be, ordained by Grand Lodge; to give or cause to be given the lectures and charges appertaining to

each degree; to examine the record of proceedings at each meeting of his Lodge when fairly transcribed by the Secretary and if found correct subscribe his approval thereof; to superintend the official acts of all the officers of his Lodge and see that their respective duties are properly discharged; to guard against any infraction by the members of his Lodge of its own bylaws, the Constitution of Grand Lodge and the general regulations of Masonry; to see that the proper officers collect and truly keep the moneys of the Lodge; to appoint an auditing committee whose duty it shall be to examine the books, accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer and Secretary and make report to the Lodge at the regular meeting next following the installation and investiture of officers; to see that the furniture and other valuables are not wasted, damaged or lost, and in the event that the Charter of the Lodge should ever be forfeited or surrendered, to preserve the furniture and other property of the Lodge subject to the order of Grand Lodge.

134. The Master of every Lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the District Deputy Grand Master within whose jurisdiction the Lodge is located, the Grand Lodge or any Committee or brother authorized by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge, and produce the Charter, minutes and books or other records of the Lodge, under penalty of suspension by the Grand Master.

135. An installed Master of any Lodge of this or any Sister Jurisdiction may be invited

to officiate as Master and may confer degrees or perform any other ceremony.

136. In all cases of a tie vote, by ballot or otherwise, the Master, in addition to his proper vote, shall have the casting vote.

137. Any appointed officer of a Lodge may be removed from office for a cause which appears to the Master to be sufficient.

138. There shall be no appeal to the Lodge from the decision of the Master but objections to such decisions may be laid before the Grand Master and be by him determined, subject to appeal to Grand Lodge.

139. For the wilful neglect or violation of any duty imposed by this Constitution upon the Master of a Lodge, or any elected officer thereof, he shall be subject to reprimand, deprivation of office, suspension or expulsion.

POWERS AND DUTIES OF WARDENS

140. It shall be the duty of the Wardens to assist the Master in the performance of his duties and to discharge all those duties which ancient usage has assigned to their respective stations.

141. In the event of the death or absence of the Master, the Senior Warden and in the absence of both, the Junior Warden, shall succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of the Master, except ruling the Lodge and conferring degrees, which duties shall be performed by the next immediate Past Master present. If no Past Master be present the Senior Warden, or in his absence the Junior Warden, shall rule the Lodge and shall occupy a chair on the dais in front of the Master's chair and shall be addressed as

Brother Warden but under no circumstances shall he confer degrees.

142. The Wardens of every Lodge, when summoned so to do, shall attend the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master within whose jurisdiction the Lodge is located, Grand Lodge, or any committee or brother authorized by the Grand Master or Grand Lodge and produce the Charter, minutes and books or other records of the Lodge, under penalty of suspension by the Grand Master.

DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

143. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due the Lodge from the Secretary, receipt to him therefor and pay out the same only on orders drawn upon him by the authority of the Lodge, which shall be signed by the Master and countersigned by the Secretary.

144. He shall keep books setting out in detail his accounts and preserve all vouchers for disbursements and be prepared at any time to exhibit the same when required by the Lodge or Master and to answer any enquiry pertaining to the duties of his office.

DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

145. The Secretary shall:

(a) Keep minutes of all the proceedings of the Lodge proper, to be written in books of permanent record in accordance with the form prescribed and when confirmed at the next regular meeting, present them to the Master for his approval and signature.

(b) Collect and receive all moneys due the Lodge and pay the same forthwith to the Treasurer.

(c) Keep the seal of the Lodge and affix the same with his signature to all papers issued under his authority or in obedience to the requirements of the Constitution.

(d) Transmit to the Grand Secretary and District Deputy Grand Master of his district immediately after each election, installation and investiture in the Lodge a certificate thereof in the form prescribed.

(e) Transmit to the Grand Secretary the semi-annual report on the blanks furnished by Grand Lodge, together with the demits or certificates of standing of Masons affiliating during the term and preserve a copy of the Returns.

(f) Report to the Grand Secretary and also to the Secretaries of all Lodges within his district immediately after their occurrence all rejections, suspensions and restorations.

(g) Issue notices in writing of all meetings to every member of the Lodge (see Section 155) seven clear days before the meeting and shall transmit copies of the same to the Grand Master, Grand Secretary and the District Deputy Grand Master of the district.

(h) Keep a book of bylaws for the signature of the members in the order of their admission in which he shall see that each member on admission signs his name in full.

(i) Keep an historical register as prescribed by Grand Lodge in which he shall record the full name or names of all members of the Lodge; the dates of their initiation, passing, raising or affiliation; the name, number and location of the Lodges of which those affiliated were last previously members; the age and

occupation of each member when received, and the dates of their withdrawal, expulsion, suspension, death or restoration, together with the full name or names of those expelled or suspended for unmasonic conduct (the names of those suspended N.P.D. shall not be entered) by any sister Lodge so far as he shall receive proper notice thereof.

(j) Keep an attendance register, to be kept in the Tyler's room, in which before entering the Lodge every member and visitor shall record his name and the name, number and location of his Lodge.

(k) Keep such account books as are provided by Grand Lodge, to present clearly the account of each member with the Lodge, the moneys received and his payments to the Treasurer, and shall preserve the book of Constitution of Grand Lodge which may from time to time be published, together with all the printed proceedings thereof as promulgated by its order, and perform such other duties as may appertain to his office or be required by the Constitution.

(l) Receive, file and safely keep all papers and documents addressed or belonging to the Lodge and shall present such as may require attention at each meeting thereof.

DUTIES OF OTHER OFFICERS

146. The Tyler and other appointed officers shall perform such duties, consonant with the usages of the Craft and appertaining to their respective offices, as may be required by the bylaws or as the Master shall direct.

MEMBERSHIP, HOW ACQUIRED

147. Membership in a Lodge may be acquired:

- (a) By having been regularly initiated or
- (b) by having been elected for affiliation, or
- honourary membership or (c) in the case of a new Lodge, by having been named in the dispensation as one of the petitioners.

148. A brother cannot be a member at the same time of more than one Lodge in this Jurisdiction, except as a life member or an honourary member.

149. Subject only to any dispensation granted by the Grand Master, a petitioner to a Lodge for the Degrees of Freemasonry must be free born; of the full age of twenty-one years and of good reputation; a believer in the existence of a Supreme Being; uninfluenced by improper motives, and physically capable of literally conforming to the actual requirements of the ceremonials. He must also have resided for any twelve months, not necessarily consecutive, within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he seeks admission for the six months immediately preceding the date of his petition.

150. If an applicant can comply with the requirements of the ceremonials even by the aid of artificial limbs and is in a physical condition to earn a living and not likely to become a charge upon the Fraternity and if his moral character is all that a Mason's should be, his petition may be entertained on obtaining a dispensation from the Grand Master.

151. A petition for membership by affiliation shall be in the form prescribed and must be

signed by the petitioner with name in full and be accompanied by his demit, conditional withdrawal, certificate of standing or certificate of life membership.

Should a brother affiliating from a Lodge in this Jurisdiction not wish to demit from the Lodge of which he is a member until he has been accepted in another Lodge, the Lodge to which he presents his petition may ballot thereon if accompanied by a conditional withdrawal together with a receipt showing that his dues are paid in full to at least three months subsequent to the date of his petition and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Lodge to which the brother has petitioned for affiliation, if the ballot is favourable, to immediately forward the withdrawal to the Lodge of which he was a member and of the said Lodge, if no charges are pending, to immediately cause a demit to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Lodge with which the brother has affiliated.

Should a brother affiliating from a sister Grand Jurisdiction not wish to demit from the Lodge of which he is a member, a certificate of standing may be accepted in lieu of demit.

Should a brother affiliating from a sister Grand Jurisdiction be a Past Master therein he shall be given the rank of an affiliated Past Master, on his producing credentials satisfactory to the Grand Secretary.

Where a petition for affiliation is rejected the demit or certificate of standing accompanying it must be returned to the petitioner; if the petition be accepted such demit or certificate of standing must be forwarded to the

Grand Secretary with the next semi-annual report.

152. If the petitioner be a Mason suspended for nonpayment of dues from a Lodge which for any reason has since ceased to exist, he may apply to the Grand Secretary for a certificate, accompanying his application by the amount of his delinquent dues and upon presentation of a certificate from the Grand Secretary that his dues have been paid, he shall be eligible to be proposed and admitted a member of another Lodge.

153. A petition for membership by initiation shall be in writing, signed by the applicant with name in full and shall be in the form prescribed.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP HOW DEALT WITH

154. All petitions for membership must be recommended by two members of the Lodge and be presented at a regular meeting, accompanied by the fees required by the bylaws. If the petition be received it shall be referred to a committee of not less than three members, to be appointed by the Master, and lie over for at least one month and until the said committee shall have made diligent and careful enquiry into the character of the petitioner and reported thereon. If the committee fails to make a report within three months, the Master may appoint a new committee.

155. The name in full, age, occupation and residence of the petitioner, together with the names of the brethren who recommended him, shall be sent to all members in the notice for the next regular meeting and every subsequent regular meeting of the Lodge until

the report of the committee has been received and the decision of the brethren ascertained by ballot.

156. A petition cannot be withdrawn after reference to a committee, except by unanimous consent of the Lodge and before such committee has brought in its report.

157. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 156, should the committee find a petitioner disqualified on account of insufficient residence or physical disability, and find no other objection to him, they shall make a special report thereon, in which case the Master shall direct the withdrawal of the petition without further action and such direction shall be entered on the record.

158. Should the report of the Committee be unfavourable a ballot shall not be had but the Master shall, upon the reception of such report, declare the applicant rejected. Should the report be favourable a ballot shall be had, every member present being required to vote and two or more black balls shall reject.

In balloting the ballot box shall be placed on the Altar with an equal number of black and white balls and either each member in order of rank shall proceed to the Altar and cast his ballot, or members, beginning on the left of the W.M., shall do so in rotation.

159. Should the ballot be favourable, if an applicant for affiliation he shall (provided the terms of section 151 re his demit or certificate of standing have been complied with) be declared a member of the Lodge and if an applicant for the degrees he shall be declared

eligible to be initiated at a subsequent meeting.

Should the ballot be unfavourable, the Master without declaring the result may at once order a second ballot for the purpose of correcting a possible mistake, which ballot shall be final. But in no case after one ballot has been had shall any discussion be permitted in the Lodge before the second ballot is had, nor shall the second ballot be postponed to another meeting of the Lodge.

160. A brother rejected for affiliation may renew his application at any regular meeting to the same or any other Lodge in the Jurisdiction.

A petitioner rejected for the degrees cannot, except by dispensation, make a second application to the same or any other Lodge until a period of twelve months has expired since his rejection.

161. Should a brother violate the secrecy of the ballot by stating how he voted or intended to vote, or by endeavouring to ascertain how a brother voted, or should he be aware how a brother voted and reveal the same to another brother he shall render himself liable to severe Masonic censure, and for a second offence to suspension.

162. A petitioner for degrees whose application has been accepted may be initiated within six months, but only in the Lodge that accepted his application. If he fails to attend for this purpose within the period of six months a new petition shall be required unless said period is extended by dispensation.

DEGREES

163. A Lodge may request another Lodge to confer the Fellow Craft degree on an Entered Apprentice, or the Master Mason degree on a Fellow Craft, or both. No petition, reference, additional fees or ballot shall be required in the last named Lodge as the work will be done for and on behalf of the first of which he shall be deemed a member. A Lodge shall not confer the F.C. or M.M. degrees, or both, on a member of a Lodge from a Sister Jurisdiction except on request transmitted through the office of the Grand Secretary of this Jurisdiction.

164. A Lodge shall not confer any one degree on more than five candidates at the same meeting.

165. A Lodge shall not advance an Entered Apprentice or a Fellow Craft to a higher degree before the twenty-eighth day after the conferring on him of the previous degree, except by dispensation of the Grand Master, nor until upon a strict examination in open Lodge he shall have given satisfactory proof of his proficiency in the former degree or degrees and no Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft shall be advanced to a higher degree in any Lodge other than in which he shall have been initiated, except by the official request of such Lodge.

166. Subject to the discretion reserved to the Master by section 159 a Lodge shall not have more than one ballot for the three degrees.

167. Objection may be made by any Master Mason to a petitioner for degrees after his petition has been accepted and before he is

initiated. Similarly it may be made before he proceeds to either of the other Degrees. Every such objection shall be referred to a committee for investigation and its report shall be presented at the next regular meeting of the Lodge, unless an extension of time be given by the Master of the Lodge.

If the committee or a majority of it find that the objection is sustained, a vote of two-thirds of the members present shall be required to enable the petitioner to receive the degree or degrees. If he be prevented by the operation of this section from receiving the Entered Apprentice degree, the Master shall declare his petition rejected and direct that any fee paid by him be refunded. If he has received the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft degree, the subsequent procedure shall be that which is prescribed for Masonic offences and he shall be put upon his trial accordingly.

168. Every brother on his affiliation and every candidate on his initiation, in token of his submission thereto, shall sign the bylaws of the Lodge, a copy of which together with the book of Constitution of Grand Lodge shall then be presented to him, providing that the Brother affiliating is from a Sister Jurisdiction, otherwise he shall not receive a copy of the Constitution.

169. Every petitioner initiated in or affiliated with a Lodge becomes a member thereof from the date of his initiation or affiliation and is liable for Lodge dues forthwith.

LODGE JURISDICTION

170. A Lodge shall not receive and act upon the petition of an applicant for initiation whose residence may be nearer some other

Lodge in this Jurisdiction without a dispensation from the Grand Master and the consent, by resolution, in writing, of such nearer Lodge, or in the case of a city or town of all Lodges having Jurisdiction; nor shall any Lodge act upon the petition of an applicant who has been rejected, within one year of such rejection, unless by dispensation of the Grand Master; nor shall a petition be received from any person who has not the residence qualifications as provided by section 149, and such petition for initiation shall include the averment of the applicant that he has never before petitioned a Lodge, or if he has he shall give the name and location of said Lodge and state what action was had on said petition and when it occurred.

When the place of residence of an applicant for initiation within this Jurisdiction is nearer to a Lodge in a Sister Jurisdiction than to a Lodge within this Jurisdiction, such nearer Lodge may receive and act upon the petition of the applicant, provided the Grand Lodge in such Sister Jurisdiction permits the like privilege in this Jurisdiction.

171. In cities or towns, where more than one Lodge exists, each Lodge shall have concurrent Jurisdiction. Provided that the Jurisdiction of Battle Lodge No. 19 and Ionic Lodge No. 31 shall be concurrent.

172. No dispensation shall be granted to a Lodge to receive and act upon the petition for degrees of a person who has not the required qualification of residence, unless the application therefor be made by the Lodge on a ballot taken in conformity with the provisions of its bylaws governing petitions for initiation and should such dispensation be

granted, the petition shall take the usual course of reference and ballot in the Lodge.

HONOURARY AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP

173. A Lodge may by ballot confer honourary membership for merit on any Master Mason in good standing, whose consent has been obtained. Notice of motion for conferring such membership shall be given at a previous meeting and be entered on the summons for the meeting at which the vote is to be taken. The ballot shall be taken in the same manner as for membership. The Lodge must include honourary members in its returns to Grand Lodge and pay to Grand Lodge such dues as are payable for ordinary members. A Lodge U.D. cannot make honourary members.

174. A Lodge may confer, in accordance with the provisions of its bylaws, life membership on any of its members who are and have been Master Masons in good standing for a period of not less than twenty-five consecutive years and who have attained the full age of sixty years, and in such other case as the Grand Master on application may by dispensation permit. In respect to each life member the Lodge shall file with the Grand Secretary satisfactory proof of age and pay to the Grand Secretary the sum of ten dollars, which payment shall exempt it from the payment of further dues to Grand Lodge on his behalf.

Provided that any Lodge may submit a plan upon an actuarial basis, both with respect to the payment required by the Lodge and that required by Grand Lodge and upon the said plan being approved by the Grand Master it

may be adopted by said Lodge for the granting of life membership.

A certificate of life membership shall be issued by the Grand Secretary in respect to each application for life membership accepted under this section upon payment of the fee for such certificate required under section 99.

175. Upon such life member withdrawing from the Lodge of which he originally became a life member and joining any other Lodge, such other Lodge shall not be obliged to pay any annual dues to Grand Lodge on his account nor in case he becomes a life member of such other Lodge, shall it be obliged to pay a second fee therefor.

176. Life and honorary members shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Lodge and shall be subject to discipline in the same manner as all other members.

MEMBERSHIP, HOW TERMINATED

177. Membership in a Lodge can be terminated only through the surrender, arrest or revocation of the Charter or dispensation of the Lodge; by obtaining a demit; by withdrawal therefrom after proper notice; by death or expulsion.

178. A member in good standing of a Lodge and whose dues are paid in full to date may demit therefrom at any time by written application, signed by himself, and, providing no charges are pending against him and he be clear on the books, the Worshipful Master shall at a regular meeting direct that a demit be issued accordingly and the applicant's membership shall thereupon terminate.

179. All Masons who were members in good standing of a Lodge at the date of the sur-

render or lapse of its Charter and whose dues have been paid or shall have been remitted in whole or in part by the Board of General Purposes, are entitled to and shall receive from the Grand Secretary certificates of that fact, which certificates shall have the same effect as a demit issued by an existing Lodge.

FEES AND DUES

180. A Lodge shall not confer the three degrees for a less fee than thirty-five dollars; provided, however, that if an affiliating brother has already received the first degree, or the first and second degrees in another Lodge, the fee to accompany his application for the remaining degrees or degree, shall be such proportion of the fee for all the degrees as the bylaws of the Lodge may prescribe. A candidate shall not be initiated until the fees provided by the bylaws of the Lodge are paid in full.

181. By a vote of the Lodge the dues of any member may be remitted.

VISITORS

182. A visitor shall not be admitted into a Lodge unless he is in good standing, and until he is personally vouched for by a brother who has sat with him in open Lodge, or has passed a satisfactory examination by two or more well skilled brethren present (see Approved Ruling No. 6), nor if there be, in the opinion of the Master, a valid objection made to such admission by a member of the Lodge, nor until he shall have entered his name, Masonic rank, and the name of his mother Lodge or the Lodge he hails from in a book to be kept by every Lodge for that purpose and such

particulars have been announced in open Lodge. During his continuance in the Lodge he shall be subject to its bylaws.

NON-AFFILIATED MASONS

183. A Mason, non-affiliated for a period of twelve months or more, shall not be entitled to any of the rights, privileges or benefits of the Craft other than Masonic burial rites.

LODGES U.D.

184. A petition for a dispensation to form a Lodge shall be presented to the Grand Master through the District Deputy Grand Master of the District. It shall be signed by at least seven Master Masons (names in full) in good standing with the names of the Lodges of which they are or were members and a recommendation of appointment of three of the petitioners as Master, Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. The petition must be accompanied by the demit (or conditional withdrawal, or certificate of standing as provided for in section 151) of each brother signing the petition. If within thirty miles of the place mentioned in the Charter of an existing Lodge (or Lodges) the petition must also be accompanied by the consent of such Lodge (or Lodges), and if in a town or city where there are already two or more Lodges then by the consent of the majority of such Lodges. Before sending in the petition the District Deputy Grand Master shall satisfy himself as to the desirability of forming a Lodge in the district stated, the financial prospects of the proposed Lodge, the competency of the proposed officers, the character of the petitioners, and the suitability of the room in which it is

proposed to hold the Lodge and shall accompany the petition with a report to the Grand Master as to all these matters. The Grand Master upon receipt thereof shall refer the same for a report and recommendation to the Committee on Charters and upon receipt of their report and recommendation he may grant a dispensation.

185. Where the consent of an existing Lodge is required it must appear as an item of business in the notice of, and be passed upon at a regular meeting of the Lodge and must be signed by the Master and Secretary under the seal of the Lodge.

186. Every new Lodge shall be instituted by the Grand Master or his deputy appointed for that purpose.

187. The bylaws recommended for chartered Lodges by Grand Lodge are to be used by Lodges U. D. filling up the blanks to suit local circumstances.

188. A Lodge working under dispensation has the rights and privileges conferred by the dispensation and none other except the inherent right of all Masonic bodies to raise money to pay their expenses by levy on their members and the right to govern themselves.

189. All dispensations for new Lodges shall be returned to the Grand Secretary upon the first day of the month in which the next succeeding Annual Communication of Grand Lodge shall be held, together with the bylaws, books of record and returns of the new Lodge to date.

190. Upon the return of a dispensation of a new Lodge as hereinbefore provided, if an examination of its works and proceedings shall

prove satisfactory to the Committee on Charters, the Grand Lodge may order the issue of a Charter to such Lodge and assign it such name (but such name shall not be the name of a living person) and number on the register as shall be deemed proper, and such Lodge shall be duly constituted within three months thereafter by the Grand Master at a special communication of Grand Lodge. If the examination aforesaid be not satisfactory a Charter may be refused and the dispensation cancelled, or the continuance of the dispensation until the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge may be ordered but no such continuance shall be granted a second time.

191. In the event of Grand Lodge refusing to grant a Charter to a Lodge U.D. all brethren who signed the petition for the new Lodge and gave conditional withdrawals from their former Lodges for the purpose of becoming members of said Lodge shall automatically become reinstated in their former Lodges and it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to notify said Lodges forthwith of the action of Grand Lodge.

192. A Lodge U.D. may send representatives to Grand Lodge who may be admitted to seats and be permitted to speak but shall have no vote until after Grand Lodge has decided to grant a Charter.

AMALGAMATION OF LODGES

193. Two or more Lodges may amalgamate under one warrant. Each Lodge shall adopt a resolution to that effect and appoint a committee of three members to act jointly to ar-

range the terms therefor. Notice of such resolution must have been given at a regular meeting and must appear in the summons for the next meeting.

The report of the joint committee, if favourable, shall recommend for adoption the name, number and place of meeting of the Lodge and the time and place for such amalgamation. On the approval of the report of the committee by not less than three-fourths of the members present and voting at the meeting in each of the Lodges, it shall be carried into effect as soon as the Grand Master shall approve of such amalgamation. The Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Master, or such other brother as the Grand Master may appoint, shall carry the amalgamation into effect by attending at the time and place named when the members of the Lodge present shall choose, by ballot, the elective officers who, with the officers appointed by the Master elect, shall be immediately installed and invested.

The Secretary shall prepare and deliver to the Master elect a list of the members of the amalgamated Lodge, which shall be signed by the Master and Secretary and forwarded to the Grand Secretary within one month after the amalgamation. Every member of any of the Lodges amalgamated shall be a member of the amalgamated Lodge, but any member may pay all his dues and withdraw before such amalgamation has been effected. Any member under suspension for any cause shall have the same right in the amalgamated Lodge as he would have had in his own Lodge had such amalgamation not taken place.

DISSOLUTION OF LODGES

194. A Lodge may, by resolution, ask permission to surrender its Charter or dispensation. Notice of this resolution must have been given at a regular meeting and must appear in the summons for the next meeting. The resolution must be supported by at least three-fourths of the members present and voting when the vote is taken, before the Master can declare its adoption. The assent of Grand Lodge shall be required before the surrender of a Charter shall be considered final. The assent of the Grand Master shall be sufficient in the case of a dispensation.

The Charter or dispensation of a Lodge shall lapse when there are less than seven members in good standing who are Master Masons.

195. The Grand Master may arrest the Charter of a Lodge after an investigation. He shall submit a report of his investigations to the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

196. The charges that render a Lodge liable to have its Charter arrested are:

- (a) Disobeying any provision of this Constitution of Grand Lodge.
- (b) Disregarding the authority of the Grand Master.
- (c) Receiving unworthy applicants.
- (d) Refusing or neglecting to enforce discipline upon its members.
- (e) Failing to meet during a period of six consecutive months.
- (f) Attempting to dispose of the Charter by any means other than through the regular channels of surrender to Grand Lodge.

(g) Any other offence which in the discretion of the Grand Master warrants such action.

197. Grand Lodge may revoke any Charter after an investigation. The arrest or revocation of the Charter of a Lodge involves the suspension of all its members, except those especially declared exempted from such suspension, from the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry.

198. The action of Grand Lodge in assenting to the surrender of or in revoking a Charter shall be final with regard to the Lodge and its members. The authority granted by the Charter shall revert to Grand Lodge. All the property and assets of the Lodge, including the records, funds, jewels, furniture, regalia and unpaid dues, shall be vested in Grand Lodge forthwith on the lapse, surrender or revocation of the Charter of the Lodge.

LODGE SEAL

199. All documents or papers of any kind whatsoever, emanating from a chartered Lodge, or from its Master or Secretary in his official capacity, shall bear the impress of its seal or be considered null and of no effect.

200. An impression of the seal whenever changed is to be sent to the Grand Secretary.

LODGE PROPERTY

201. The jewels, books and furniture of a Lodge are vested in the Master and Wardens for the time being; they are responsible for them and it is their duty to see that they are properly insured against loss by fire; should any Lodge neglect to provide necessary insurance upon its property, furniture and jewels it

shall not be permitted in the event of such loss to make any appeal for assistance to the Craft.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION

202. By authority of the Grand Master a Lodge of Instruction, under the auspices of a chartered Lodge, may be held at such time and place as may be deemed advisable or convenient. The brethren to whom such authority is granted shall be answerable for the proceedings.

CERTIFICATES

203. Every brother shall be entitled to a Grand Lodge certificate immediately upon being registered on the books of Grand Lodge as having been made a Master Mason, for which certificate the Lodge shall pay two dollars. Each Lodge, therefore, when it makes a return of the Masons initiated, shall in addition to the registration fee and half-yearly dues, make a remittance for certificates.

204. Every brother to whom a Grand Lodge certificate is granted must sign his name on the margin thereof or it will not be valid. This should be done in the presence of the Master or Secretary of the Lodge.

205. Every return or other document upon which a Grand Lodge certificate is to be issued must specify the dates of initiation, passing and raising together with the member's name in full.

PUBLIC PROCESSIONS

206. Except at Masonic funerals, no public procession or function of the brethren as Masons, with regalia, shall be allowed or take place without a dispensation. A report of

every Masonic funeral shall be made immediately by the Master of the Lodge to the Grand Secretary.

207. If any brother shall appear in public clothed in the regalia of the Craft, except at a Masonic funeral, or an authorized public procession or function, he shall be subject to such penalty as the Grand Master shall impose. If any Lodge shall so offend, the Grand Master shall arrest its Charter until Grand Lodge shall adjudicate thereon.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

208. A brother shall not print, or publish, or cause to be printed or published, the proceedings of any Lodge or any part thereof, without the permission of the Grand Master. This provision shall not apply to the recording of the minutes nor to the writing, printing or publishing of any notice or summons issued to the members of a Lodge by the authority of the Master or the proceedings of any festival or public meeting at which persons, not Masons, are permitted to be present.

209. The majority of the members present at any Lodge duly summoned have an undoubted right to regulate their own proceedings, provided they are not inconsistent with the general laws and regulations of the Craft; no member, therefore, shall be permitted to enter in a minute book of his Lodge a protest against any resolution or proceeding which may have taken place, unless it shall appear to him to be contrary to the laws and usages of the Craft and for the purpose of complaining or appealing to a higher Masonic authority, and then only by permission of the Master.

210. Unless the presiding officer shall rule that the change proposed is of form only and not of substance, no motion for which notice of motion is required shall be amended or altered upon the return date of the notice of motion but must be dealt with in its original form as set out in the notice of motion unless the Lodge shall see fit to defer consideration of the matter until notice of a proposed amendment shall be given in the same manner as the original notice of motion was given, both in Grand Lodge and constituent Lodges.

FORMS

211. The Board of General Purposes shall adopt from time to time such forms as in the opinion of that Board may be desirable for the better transaction of the affairs of Grand Lodge and its constituent Lodges. The said forms shall conform to the provisions of this Constitution and until altered or repealed shall be the only forms recognized and used in this Grand Jurisdiction.

REPEAL OF FORMER CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS AND REGULATIONS

212. All forms, regulations, rules and approved rulings, together with any Constitution and all amendments thereto, heretofore adopted by the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, are hereby repealed and the provisions of this Constitution are substituted therefor, as and when same shall be proclaimed by the Grand Master.

BENEVOLENT FUND

The Benevolent Fund, the nucleus of which was provided for at the institutions of this Grand Lodge and since developed, shall be maintained. It shall continue as a trust fund for the assistance of Masonic brethren in good standing in all Lodges of this Jurisdiction, their widows, orphans or dependents. It shall be administered by a Board of Trustees (hereinafter referred to as Trustees) who shall perform all the duties and assume all the responsibilities of Trustees as such and without limiting the foregoing, the following rules shall be adhered to.

1. The Trustees of the Benevolent Fund shall be the Grand Master, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and six others to be elected by Grand Lodge, of whom two shall be elected for a term of three years at each Annual Communication.
2. The Trustees shall meet at the close of the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge for the purpose of electing a President, Vice-President and Secretary and to consider such other business as may properly come before it. Subsequent meetings shall be held at the call of the President.
3. Should a vacancy occur at any time, the remaining Trustees shall appoint a Past Master, a member of this Grand Lodge, to fill such vacancy until the next regular Communication of Grand Lodge.

INVESTMENT

4. The capital of the Fund shall be kept invested in securities defined by the Trustee Act of the Province of Saskatchewan. In like manner the income in excess of current requirements may be invested.

5. Investments shall be made in the name of "Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons."

6. All legal documents pertaining to the investment of this fund shall be signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary, under the seal of Grand Lodge.

It shall be the duty of the Trustees to receive and examine the report of the auditor as submitted under Section 72 of this Constitution.

7. The necessary disbursements in connection with the management of the Fund and grants authorized by the Grand Lodge shall be made only upon the requisition of the President and Secretary of said Trustees. The said disbursements shall be made by cheque and shall be countersigned by the President or Secretary of the said Trustees and signed by the Grand Treasurer or such other person as the Trustees may from time to time appoint.

The Grand Treasurer shall execute, within fifteen days after each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, a fidelity bond in such penal sum as shall be approved by the Board of Trustees and conditioned as such Board of Trustees shall require.

8. Any Lodge may forward for the consideration of the Board a statement of any

case which should, in its opinion, receive attention and no other application shall be considered.

(a) Grants made to a brother or to the widow, orphans or dependents of a deceased brother are to be considered as supplementary to the assistance given by the Lodge recommending the application.

(b) An application for a grant must be made upon a printed form which will be furnished on request by the Secretary of the Trustees.

Applications shall be completed by the Master and Secretary of the Lodge with the seal of the Lodge affixed and no application other than those so received shall be considered. The Lodge making an application for a grant shall pass a resolution to that effect in open Lodge and attach a duly certified copy of the same to the application.

9. At each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge a report shall be submitted by the Board setting forth:

(a) The exact state of the Fund and investment of the same as at the 31st day of March preceding.

(b) Applications approved and grants made during the year ending at the 31st day of March preceding.

(c) Specific recommendations in regard to any proposed grants from said Fund.

10. The interest accruing from time to time from capital shall be placed in a separate fund and shall be at the disposal of the Trustees for the purpose of grants as provided for in Rule 8.

Notwithstanding anything herein contained for the management of the said Fund, the Trustees may maintain a Savings Account and a Drawing Account in a chartered bank with respect to the said Fund in which event both said accounts shall be subject to these rules.

11. Any other special Fund that is now or may hereafter be established under the authority of Grand Lodge shall be administered by the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund, unless otherwise specifically directed. The said Trustees shall make a full report concerning all funds administered by them at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

BENEFIT FUND

There shall be forthwith established a special Fund to be known as the Benefit Fund, the capital and income whereof shall be used for assistance in any case or cases of need, charity and/or emergency arising anywhere and at any time.

In the administration of the said Fund the following rules shall be adhered to:

1. The said Fund shall be a special fund within the provisions of Rule 11 of the Rules of Grand Lodge (Benevolent Fund) and administered as therein provided.

2. The capital and income in excess of current requirements may be invested in securities defined by the Trustee Act of the Province of Saskatchewan.

3. Investment shall be made in the name of GRAND LODGE OF SASKATCHEWAN ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.

4. All legal documents pertaining to the investment of this fund shall be signed by the Grand Master and Grand Secretary under the seal of the Grand Lodge.

5. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund to receive and examine the report of the auditor as submitted under Section 72 of this Constitution.

6. The necessary disbursements in connection with the management of the Fund and grants shall be made only upon the requisition of the President and Secretary of the said Board of Trustees. The said disbursements shall be made by cheque and counter-signed by the President or Secretary of the said Board of Trustees and signed by the Grand Treasurer or such other person as the Trustees may from time to time appoint.

7. The Trustees, on request of any Mason or Lodge or on the application of any person or organization or on their own motion, may make grants from the said Fund.

8. The duties and responsibilities of the Trustees as such shall be defined only by the foregoing Rules as are from time to time in force.

9. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 32 and 33 of this Constitution, Grand Lodge, by a majority vote of the Members present and voting may at any time vary, extend, and/or alter the purpose or object of, and/or dissolve, divert or otherwise deal with the said Fund or any part thereof.

10. This amendment shall be retroactive to March 1st, 1949.

APPROVED RULINGS

1. When addressing the W.M. the term to be used is W.M.
2. When a known brother approaches the tyled door of a Lodge and desires to enter the knocks of the Degree in which the Lodge at the time may be working are to be given by the Tyler. In the event of a Cowan approaching a succession of knocks is to be given.
3. The lecture and charge are integral parts of each Degree and must be given before a candidate is advanced.
4. The position of a candidate while being examined must be W. of the Altar facing E.
5. The charge may be given by any well skilled brother. If below the rank of an I.M. he shall stand in front of the dais in the E. facing the candidate who shall be W. of the Altar.
6. The Tyler's Oath is to be given before the examination by the B. of T. and the production of documentary evidence must be demanded in every case. The absence of documentary evidence shall not necessarily exclude a visitor.
7. The W.M. must command the S.W. to collect the P.G. and P.W. of the Degree, but

the S.W., if satisfied, may vouch for all present whereupon the collection may be dispensed with by the W.M.

8. When collecting the P.G. and P.W. of a degree in the event of a brother not being in possession of same, the D. shall report to the S.W. saying: "Brother S.W. the W. is lost," who shall report to the W.M., whereupon, if satisfied as to the brother, the W.M. may call him to the E. and communicate the lost W.

9. No charts shall be displayed in the Lodge room other than that of the degree being conferred.

10. The lesser lights shall be used in all degrees, except when otherwise called for in the work.

11. In calling the Lodge from L. to R. or vice versa, the J.W. must see that all brethren rise to receive the command of the W.M. even to the extent of calling up the Lodge.

12. A candidate who cannot answer the first three questions in Masonry satisfactorily cannot be made a Mason.

13. An affiliated P.M. from another Jurisdiction is eligible for election to the Master's chair.

14. A brother who has not been invested as Warden ranks as a M.M. and is not eligible for election to the Master's chair.

15. An affiliated brother, on producing documentary evidence that he has served a full Masonic year as Warden in another Jurisdiction, is eligible for election to the Master's chair.

16. A Certificate of Standing is a certificate issued to a brother for the purpose of joining a designated Lodge and must not be confounded with a receipt for dues.

17. The passing of the collection plate around the Lodge when the candidate is in the N.E angle is not permissible.

18. A committee of P.M.'s to meet with applicants before they are given application forms is permissible.

19. It is unconstitutional to receive petitions or reports of committees on applicants at emergent meetings.

20. It is not permissible for a brother from a Grand Lodge not recognized by this Grand Lodge to either visit or affiliate with a Lodge in this Jurisdiction.

21. The Second Degree Working Tools shall be presented in full form as contained in the Installation Ceremony.

22. It is the duty of a constituent Lodge to try a brother and only in very exceptional cases can a commission be appointed by the Grand Master.

23. The home of a soldier prior to his enlistment is the only home recognized during the time he is in uniform without regard to the various places he may be stationed while on Military service.

24. A Lodge can hold a Masonic Funeral Service for a deceased brother when another society attends the same service in regalia, but

the service must in all respects be conducted exclusively by the Lodge as if none but Masons were in attendance.

25. An increase or reduction in the fees of a Lodge by virtue of an amendment to its by-laws shall become effective from the date such amendment is passed, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. Any increase or reduction in the annual dues of a Lodge by virtue of an amendment to its Bylaws shall become effective from June 24th or December 27th next following the date upon which such amendment is passed, subject to the approval of the Grand Master.

26. Candidates in the First Degree must be prepared and received individually and a candidate must not be received from a preparation room in which other candidates are waiting, but after they have been presented by the S.W. and have answered singly the questions addressed to them by the W.M. they may, at the discretion of the W.M., thereafter be taken collectively. Candidates in the Third Degree may be taken collectively to the end of the obligation but if taken collectively they must then retire to the preparation room to be readmitted and raised singly, after which they may again be taken collectively.

27. A brother who has affiliated with a Lodge in this Jurisdiction on a Certificate of Standing from a Lodge in another Jurisdiction shall not be given a demit on resigning therefrom but his resignation shall be accepted under the conditions governing the granting of a demit and such resignation shall be recorded in the minute book and historical register.

28. In the case of a candidate who is a conscientious objector to our form of obligation as being contrary to his religious belief, the Committee on Jurisprudence could not concur in a ruling permitting a departure from the ancient usage extant in the form of obligation as it has come down to us through the Masonic centuries.

29. The Constitution does not provide for nominations either oral or written for Officers in constituent Lodges; all elections except when otherwise provided for in the Constitution shall be by written ballot without nomination.

30. A man having received only part of his obligation and not having been brought to light is not a Mason.

31. The furnishings, etc., of a Lodge room cannot be used to the exclusion of a Chart to illustrate a Wardens' lecture. The Tracing Board of the Degree must be used.

32. When the Constitution and the bylaws of a Lodge conflict the Constitution governs and overrules the bylaws.

33. A brother elected and installed as Warden, even though he has not attended during the term, is eligible for election to the Master's chair if the members of the Lodge made no protest to his holding the office of Warden and he did not resign.

34. Matters relating to a Chapter of the Eastern Star are not Masonic business and must not be brought before a Lodge.

35. All Lodge notices must be mailed in sealed envelopes.

36. Lodges have not the power to fix sectional boundaries by agreement but must be

governed as to distance between Lodges by a direct line.

37. No motion to rescind a resolution entered upon the minutes and regularly passed at a previous regular meeting shall be received or put through a Lodge until a notice of intention to introduce such motion to rescind shall have been made at a previous meeting. This, however, does not prevent a Lodge reconsidering, at the same meeting, a motion which they have passed without due consideration, provided that the mover and seconder of the motion to reconsider voted with the majority in the first instance.

38. A petition from a member of a clandestine Lodge cannot be entertained.

39. The names of applicants for initiation and affiliation, notwithstanding that they appear on the monthly joint notice sent out by all the Lodges of a City to their membership, must appear on the individual Lodge notice.

40. Lodge funds should be used for Masonic purposes and while there may be an occasional application for assistance, such as a national calamity, which should not be passed over, Lodges in this Jurisdiction should make use of their funds for purely Masonic purposes. This ruling means exactly what it says and is as it is to protect Lodges against requests from other organizations. Masonic charity can be well exercised through Masonic channels.

41. Where the bylaws of a Lodge provide for payment of dues in advance, dues for the current year are payable at the beginning of the year and at the end of such year the dues having remained unpaid for twelve months,

a brother is liable to suspension by proper procedure for that purpose.

42. A member of a character committee being in possession of information which he would not be justified in disclosing to anyone, not even to other members of the committee, might refuse to sign a favourable report on his honour as a member of the committee and as a Mason and this should be considered sufficient.

43. Premises which have been dedicated to Masonry should not be used for any other purpose. If the premises have not been so dedicated, the Lodge may, in a proper case, rent to some other organization. The best interests of the Craft should, however, be carefully considered and no action should be taken which might lead to the conclusion that the Masonic Order is entangled with any other society or organization.

44. Should the name of an applicant for initiation not appear on the notice for the meeting at which he was balloted on, the proceedings in the case would be null and void and it would be necessary for the applicant's name to appear on the notice calling the next regular meeting and for the Lodge to again ballot on the application.

45. A Lodge is not warranted in demanding payment of other sums than dues as a condition for the granting of a demit.

46. No residence qualifications are required by the Constitution for applications for affiliation. The statement on the application form "I removed to the Province of Saskatchewan in . . ." is contained in the form to protect us

in Saskatchewan from men being initiated in other Jurisdictions who have acquired residence qualifications in this Province.

47. If a Master who occupied the chair for any period during the year resigns and another Master is elected for the balance of the year, neither the Master who vacates nor the one who is chosen to take his place can comply with the requirements of Section 4 and are not entitled to Past Master's rank.

48. The name of the Lodge or of Freemasonry must not be associated officially in any way with an insurance club. If the members want to form such a club they must do it as individuals and not as a Lodge.

49. The Corner Stone of a Masonic Temple must be placed in the North East corner of the building. The facing of the building makes no difference with regard to the position of the stone.

50. If a brother suspended for non-payment of dues applies for reinstatement, sending the amount of his arrears along with his application and the application for reinstatement is rejected, the Lodge must return the amount sent by him.

51. It is the primary duty of the Tyler to tyle the Lodge when it is in session and at no time is he entitled to enter the Lodge except at the request of the W.M. in conformity with section 158 of the Constitution.

52. All who enter the Lodge must give the P.W. and P.G. of the degree excepting the Grand Master or the D.D.G.M. on his official visit.

53. When reporting the result of a ballot any wording other than "favourable" or "un-favourable" must not be used.

54. The pallbearers at a Masonic funeral should be Masons and unless the family have expressed a wish to have a non-Mason act as a pallbearer the W.M., after consulting with them, should select from members of the Craft.

55. It is unconstitutional to initiate a candidate for other than the full amount of the fee as provided by the Bylaws of the Lodge.

56. Buildings should not be dedicated to Masonic purposes until such time as the premises are free from encumbrances.

57. No constituent Lodge shall confer any Degree in other than the work permitted under the Charter of the Lodge.

58. It is not permissible to applaud any part of ritualistic work.

59. The Character Committee should be named in open Lodge.

60. "A subsequent meeting" within the provisions of section 159 of the Constitution shall not be held prior to the seventh day after the day whereon the applicant for the degrees was declared eligible to be initiated.

61. Lodge meetings for purposes other than for attendance at Divine Service or funerals may not be held on Sunday.

62. When a ballot for conferring honourary membership for merit comes before the Lodge after notice of motion, once the motion is carried the ballot is then to be taken without discussion.

63. A majority report of an Investigating Committee is sufficient.

64. Only one ballot box may be used even when there is a plurality of applicants for membership.

RESPECTING TRIALS FOR MASONIC OFFENCES

OFFENCES

1. The following are Masonic offences:
 - (a) Atheism.
 - (b) Contempt for God and religion.
 - (c) Any violation of the Constitution, laws, edicts, rules or regulations of Grand Lodge.
 - (d) Any violation of the bylaws of a Lodge by a member or visitor thereof.
 - (e) Disobedience to those in authority or contemptuous language towards them.
 - (f) Contemptuous expressions regarding Masonry.
 - (g) Any violation of the technical parts or points of the several Masonic obligations.
 - (h) Any violation of the particular injunctions of the Esoteric work or any of the landmarks of Masonry.
 - (i) Improper revelations.
 - (j) Countenance of imposters.
 - (k) Masonic communication with clandestine Masons or irregular Lodges.
 - (l) Violation of the secrecy of the ballot.
 - (m) Improper solicitation of candidates.
 - (n) Wronging a Mason by fraud.
 - (o) Using a Masonic emblem as a trademark or business sign.
 - (p) Drunkenness and brawling.
 - (q) Cruelty towards wife or children or wrongfully refusing to support them.
 - (r) Adultery and all lascivious association.
 - (s) All crimes, misdemeanors or actions involving serious moral turpitude.

(t) Committing any other act which may have a tendency to bring discredit to the Craft.

JURISDICTION

2. For any offence against the bylaws of his Lodge a Mason shall be tried by that Lodge.

3. In every case when a flagrant offence is committed by any Mason present while the Lodge is at labour, the following rules requiring notice and delay may be dispensed with and the Master may order the offending brother to show cause instanter why he should not be punished and may in his discretion proceed or permit the Lodge to proceed to trial and punishment.

4. For any other Masonic offence a Mason shall be tried by the Lodge to which he belongs, or by the Lodge nearest his place of residence, or by a commission to be appointed by the Grand Master.

5. A trial resulting in conviction or acquittal shall be a bar to any other prosecution for the same offence, provided that on appeal a new trial may be ordered.

SERVICE OF PAPERS

6. Service on any brother of papers in connection with a Masonic trial, or any appeal connected therewith, when such service is required by the rules, shall be effected in the following manner:

If the residence of the brother is known and he resides within the Jurisdiction, he shall be served personally or by mail, prepaid and registered, addressed to him at his residence.

If the brother resides out of the Jurisdiction or, if he resides within the Jurisdiction but his

residence is unknown, a copy of such paper shall be sent to him by mail, prepaid and registered, addressed to him at his last known place of residence.

When a definite number of days' service by posting is required by any of these rules, they shall be clear days.

7. Service of papers on a Lodge shall be made by serving a copy of the papers on the Secretary of the Lodge in person or by mailing a copy of the papers by registered mail addressed to the Secretary of the Lodge and by mailing a copy of the papers by registered mail addressed to the Master of the Lodge, at their respective addresses as appearing in the records of Grand Lodge.

8. When papers are served by registered mail pursuant to these Rules, they shall be deemed to have been served on the date of the receipt of the postmaster for the envelope containing the same.

The following rules shall apply to a trial by a Lodge and shall also govern as far as applicable a trial by commission.

PROCEDURE

9. A charge of Masonic offence shall be made in writing. It shall be signed by the accuser, who must be a Master Mason in good standing. It shall specify with reasonable certainty the particulars of the offence alleged, and the time and place of its commission, and it shall be filed by the accuser with the Secretary of the Lodge which is to try the case.

10. The charge shall be read at the first regular meeting of the Lodge, which shall

occur after the lapse of ten clear days from the day on which the same is filed.

11. On a charge being filed with the Secretary of the Lodge, he shall with the summons for the next meeting send notice to all members thereof that such charge has been received and of the time when the same shall be read.

12. The proceedings in connection with the trial after charges have been filed shall, subject to the control of the Master of the Lodge, be conducted under the supervision of the Junior Warden, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules respecting Masonic trials are adhered to, that the accused brother has ample opportunity to prepare his defence, and that the trial is brought to a close as expeditiously as may be reasonable.

13. When the charge is presented and read the Lodge shall decide by a majority vote whether it shall be accepted and the accused brother be placed on trial, or it shall be dismissed. If the charge is accepted it cannot be withdrawn except for good cause shown and by the vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting. The charge shall not be amended except by a majority vote and on due notice to the accused.

14. Immediately upon the acceptance of a charge by a Lodge, the Master shall appoint the time and place of trial and shall cause the accused to be served with a duly attested copy of the charge and the particulars, if any, and a notice stating the time and place appointed for the trial thereof. The time shall be fixed to give the accused reasonable time to prepare his defence.

15. Should the accused neglect to attend at the time and place of trial after notice has been served on him, the Lodge may at the time in such notice specified proceed in his absence and conduct the proceedings to a final issue. Provided that at least one regular meeting shall intervene between the time of serving such notice and any action by the Lodge in pursuance thereof. In the absence of the accused, the Lodge shall appoint a competent brother to act for him as his counsel or representative.

16. The trial of charges may proceed at any meeting appointed for the purpose. In case it be not completed at one meeting, it may be continued at any subsequent meeting to which the same may be postponed. Notice of any postponement or adjournment shall be given to all parties concerned.

17. Witnesses in Masonic trials who are Masons in good standing shall give their testimony on their honour as Masons.

18. Other witnesses in Masonic trials shall solemnly pledge themselves to state the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

19. The law of evidence in Courts of Justice shall apply as far as the same can be made applicable to evidence at Masonic trials.

20. The evidence of both the accuser and the accused, if offered, shall be received at any Masonic trial.

21. The evidence of witnesses who are Masons in good standing may be taken in open Lodge or by a special Committee appointed by the Master. Other witnesses shall be examined only by a Committee appointed for the purpose by the Master. In either case, the

accuser and the accused in person or a brother Mason as counsel or representative, shall be entitled to be present and to examine or cross-examine the witnesses.

22. The testimony of any witnesses unable to attend the Lodge or Committee may be taken by deposition before a Mason authorized by the Master to act in the matter, due notice of the time and place having first been given to all parties concerned.

23. It shall be the duty of the accuser and the accused to secure the attendance of their respective witnesses who are not Masons, and through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge they may, when necessary, summon as a witness any resident Mason, whether or not he be a member of the Lodge.

24. When testimony is taken in open Lodge the Lodge shall be opened in the First Degree, but the decision as to guilt or innocence and the question of punishment shall be severally determined in and by a Lodge of Master Masons.

25. The Master shall decide all questions as to the relevancy of the evidence and the regularity of the proceedings, and the Secretary or other person appointed for that purpose by the Master shall take down in writing the evidence submitted by both the accuser and the accused and note all objections made by either. The evidence, objections and rulings shall be filed among the archives of the Lodge, and the main facts of the case shall be entered upon the Lodge records.

26. At the conclusion of the evidence the accuser and the accused in person, or their

counsel or representative, may, if they desire, address such relevant remarks to the Lodge upon the merits of the case as may be deemed proper; after which the accuser, the accused and their respective counsel or representative shall retire from the Lodge. Thereafter any member entitled to vote may express his views on the case and the law and the facts involved and no member shall be permitted to withdraw from the Lodge until after final action, except for urgent reasons, and with the consent of two-thirds of the members present and voting.

27. A committee for the purpose of taking evidence shall consist of not less than three members of the Lodge, any of whom may for reasonable cause to be fully explained by the objecting party, be removed by the Master who shall appoint another in his place.

28. Every such committee shall select from their number a Chairman and Secretary, and when so organized shall have power, through the Master and Secretary of the Lodge, to summon before them the accuser and the accused with their respective witnesses.

29. The proceedings of such committee shall be governed by the foregoing provisions so far as applicable. The duties of the Master and Secretary of the Lodge above described shall apply to and may be discharged by the Chairman and Secretary of the Committee.

30. The committee may sit whenever and as often as it may deem best for the interests of Masonry and the full investigation of the complaint before it.

31. When the committee have concluded their labours they shall report their proceedings and all the evidence to the Lodge, and

upon the accuser, the accused and their respective counsel or representative retiring any member of the Lodge present may express his views on the case, and may require any portion or the whole of the evidence to be read to enable him to come to a decision.

32. In case the accused brother shall plead guilty, such plea shall be accepted as evidence and shall render the taking of further proof unnecessary, but such plea shall not excuse the Lodge from voting upon the question of guilt or innocence.

33. No visitor shall attend the Lodge or committee for any purpose other than giving testimony or acting as counsel or representative during any of the proceedings of a Masonic trial, unless permission be granted by the Master or by the Lodge or by the committee when the proceedings are before a committee.

JUDGMENT AND PUNISHMENT

34. At the conclusion of the trial the question of "guilty" or "not guilty" shall be immediately and distinctly put by the Master, upon each charge in its order, which shall be voted upon separately and every member present must vote by ballot. It shall require a majority vote to sustain the charge, and if any charge shall be sustained the accused shall there and then be declared guilty.

35. The punishment which shall be inflicted by Lodges for a Masonic offence shall be in the discretion of the Lodge "indefinite suspension," "definite suspension" or "reprimand."

36. When an offender is declared guilty the Master shall forthwith put the question as to whether he shall be suspended indefinitely or suspended for a definite time. These questions shall be put separately in the above order, if necessary, and shall be decided by ballot by a majority vote, every member present being required to vote. In the event of a negative vote on both questions, reprimand shall be administered by the Master in open Lodge. Any brother suspended indefinitely shall be reported to Grand Lodge for further action.

37. "Reprimand" shall be the least Masonic punishment.

38. No "definite suspension" shall be voted for a longer term than three years, nor for a less term than three months.

39. Suspension after trial for any offence subjects the offender, his family and dependents during its continuance to an absolute deprivation of all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry.

40. When any Mason shall have been suspended by a Lodge he shall be notified of his suspension by the Secretary, who shall also immediately report the same to the Grand Secretary. When any brother present is acquitted, he shall be notified forthwith by the Master in open Lodge and in every case by the Secretary in writing.

APPEALS

41. The accuser or the accused or any member of the Lodge may appeal from any verdict or sentence in the case rendered or adjudged, or from any vote or decision of a Lodge or commission upon the subject of any charge,

and such appeal shall be made to Grand Lodge. The appeal shall be heard at the first Annual Communication thereof which occurs after the lapse of ten days from the time the notice of appeal is given.

42. The notice of appeal shall be in writing, shall be signed by the appellant and shall contain a statement of the case and the reasons of appeal. It shall be filed with the Grand Secretary within the time limited for serving notice of appeal.

43. The appellant shall give the Lodge appealed from, or Chairman of the commission, notice of his intention to appeal within twenty-one clear days after notice of its action or decision has been served upon him, and the Secretary of such Lodge under the direction of the Master or the Chairman of the commission shall, at least ten clear days before the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge at which the appeal is to be heard or before other disposition thereof, produce to the Grand Secretary and also give to the appellant, and to any brother affected by the decision appealed from, if demanded, and on payment of the sum of ten cents per folio therefor, a certified copy of all the charges, papers, proceedings and evidence in the case.

44. Should the appeal not be made in time for the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held after the appeal is taken, it shall stand over until the next subsequent Annual Communication of Grand Lodge or it may be disposed of by the Grand Master during recess, upon recommendation of the Committee on Appeals.

45. Upon hearing an appeal the Grand Master or Grand Lodge may dismiss or allow the appeal. In the latter event they may quash the conviction or affirm the decision and vary or affirm the sentence, or order a new trial, and in case of an appeal from a dismissal of a charge may impose sentence. In addition to the foregoing, the case may be remanded for further proceedings and such directions given therefor as may be deemed reasonable and proper.

46. In all cases of appeal the Grand Master or Grand Lodge may authorize the District Deputy Grand Master or other competent officer to investigate the case and report thereon with his opinion.

47. Whenever the Grand Master or Grand Lodge on a review of a trial or other proceedings of a Lodge, or of a commission properly appointed, resulting in the suspension of a Mason, shall reverse or annul the judgment upon said proceedings or shall order a new trial, the accused shall be thereby restored to all his rights, privileges and membership. When a case is remanded for a new trial no amendment shall be made to the original charges unless the accused have due notice thereof.

TRIAL BY COMMISSION

48. When a case is tried by commission the proceedings thereof shall be under its control. The charge shall be sent to the Chairman of the commission by the Grand Secretary with the notice of the appointment thereof and with any special instructions which may be given by the Grand Master.

49. The Grand Master may at any stage of a case before verdict of judgment is pronounced withdraw a case from trial by a Lodge and refer the same to a commission for trial. The commission shall, as nearly as practicable, follow the procedure laid down for trial by a Lodge, but shall have power to do all things necessary for the proper discharge of the duties entrusted to it. It shall have the same jurisdiction as the Lodges possess respecting the summoning of witnesses and the taking of evidence.

50. The commission shall decide upon the questions of guilt or innocence and punishment in the same manner as a Lodge is authorized to decide and shall report its conclusions to the Grand Secretary.

51. The accuser and the accused shall have the same right of appeal as is given from the verdict or decision of a Lodge, and the proceedings on such appeal shall be similar to those on appeal from such verdict or decision.

SUSPENSION, EXPULSION, RESTORATION

52. Every Lodge shall communicate to the Grand Secretary and to the District Deputy Grand Master of the district in which the Lodge is situated all suspensions as they may severally occur.

53. A suspended Mason may be restored by Grand Lodge or by the Lodge which suspended him.

54. A Mason suspended indefinitely seeking restoration shall petition the Lodge by which he was suspended for his restoration. The petition shall be received at a regular meeting

of the Lodge and shall lie over until the next regular meeting thereafter, before final action thereon and notice of such petition shall be given in the notice calling such last mentioned meeting.

55. The vote on the restoration shall be by ballot, and it shall require a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting for its adoption.

56. If the Lodge has ceased to exist the petition may be made direct to Grand Lodge.

57. Definite suspension shall expire by limitation and any member so suspended shall be entitled to resume membership and all rights and privileges thereof, at the expiration of the time defined in his sentence without vote or other action on the part of the Lodge.

58. In all cases of restoration by Grand Lodge the restored brother resumes the status of a non-affiliated brother.

59. In all cases of restoration by a Lodge the brother is restored to all his Masonic rights and privileges, including membership in his Lodge.

60. When a Lodge reports to Grand Lodge, as provided in Rule 36, a brother suspended indefinitely, the report shall be forthwith forwarded to the Grand Secretary to be laid before the Board of General Purposes, which shall report thereon to Grand Lodge, unless the brother has been restored by his Lodge. Should the report and papers under Rule 36 reach the Grand Secretary not less than fifteen clear days before the date of the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, the Grand

Secretary shall serve ten clear days' notice upon the convicted brother, either personally or by registered mail, addressed to him at his last known address, requiring him at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge to show cause relative to his suspension. If such notice is given and the brother appears and the Board recommends expulsion, which is approved by Grand Lodge, the brother shall be summoned as aforesaid to appear before the Board and Grand Lodge at the next Annual Communication thereof to show cause why he should not be expelled and the Board, when the matter comes up for consideration, shall recommend to Grand Lodge such action in the matter as may seem just or expedient.

61. Should a brother who has been expelled desire to be restored he may at any time after his sentence of expulsion file with the Grand Secretary, at least thirty days before an Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, a petition which shall contain a copy of the charge upon which he was tried and a statement of the grounds upon which he seeks restoration. The petition must be accompanied by a favourable recommendation of the Lodge by which he was suspended, or the Lodge within whose jurisdiction he has continuously resided for the twelve months next preceding the presentation of his petition, passed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at a regular meeting after notice of said petition has appeared on the notice calling said meeting.

MASTERS AND LODGES

62. A Master may be tried by his Lodge after the expiration of his official term for any

Masonic offence (except official misconduct or a violation of his obligations). At all such trials the District Deputy Grand Master, or in the event of his disability, an officer properly commissioned by the Grand Master shall preside. All complaints for official misconduct shall be made to the proper authority during the official term of the offender, or within four weeks after the close of such term, otherwise he shall not be tried therefor.

63. When a controversy shall arise between Lodges or between a Lodge and its Master, resulting in charges being preferred, or an informal complaint made, the same shall be filed with the Grand Secretary who shall forward the same to the Grand Master. If the matter be deemed by him of a sufficiently grave character to warrant investigation, he may appoint a commission of not more than seven nor less than three Masters, or Past Masters, with the District Deputy Grand Master as chairman, unless there is a good reason why he should not act, to investigate such charges or complaint. Such commission shall have authority to summon witnesses and shall have such other powers as may be specially delegated to them by the Grand Master, and shall make such report and give such opinion to the Grand Master as will enable him to make a final decision.

64. When the Master or other officer of a Lodge shall be deposed from office only, he shall not thereby be deprived of any of the rights or privileges of membership.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES

65. In case the dues of a member remain unpaid for twelve months it shall be the duty

of the Secretary of the Lodge to read out the name of such member in default at a regular meeting thereof, after which a special summons to appear at the next regular meeting of the Lodge to show cause why he should not be suspended, together with a statement of the amount of dues remaining unpaid, shall be sent to such member. Such summons shall be deemed duly served if sent by registered mail to the last known address of such member at least twenty-one days before the next meeting.

66. In case such member shall not, before the next regular meeting of the Lodge, have paid the amount of such dues, and no such excuse be offered as the Lodge may deem sufficient, the Master shall forthwith declare such brother suspended for non-payment of dues and the Secretary shall notify the brother, the Grand Secretary and the District Deputy Grand Master and the Lodges of the district of such suspension.

67. If any excuse be offered the Lodge shall decide by a majority of the members present and voting whether the same is sufficient.

68. A Mason suspended for non-payment of dues, his family and dependents, are during such suspension deprived of all the rights, privileges and benefits of Masonry.

69. If within one year from the date of suspension the delinquent brother shall pay the amount due at said date, the Master shall without a vote of the Lodge declare him reinstated, which fact shall be entered on the records and entitle him to full membership in the Lodge.

70. If such payment is not made within one year from the date of suspension he can only be reinstated by a majority vote of the members present and voting upon a petition therefor. The petition must be presented at a regular meeting of the Lodge and cannot be acted upon before the regular meeting thereafter, nor until notice of such petition has been inserted in the notice calling the meeting. On a petition for reinstatement the Worshipful Master may appoint a committee of investigation.

71. If a Lodge from which a Mason has been suspended has ceased to exist, a petition for reinstatement may be made by him to Grand Lodge.

THE CHARGES OF A FREE MASON

Extracted from the antient records of Lodges throughout the world for the use of Lodges. To be read at the making of new brethren, or when the Master shall order it. Published by order of Grand Lodge.

The general heads of the charges are:

- I. Of God and Religion.
- II. Of the Civil Magistrate, supreme and subordinate.
- III. Of Lodges.

IV. Of Masters, Wardens, Fellows and Apprentices.

V. Of the Management of the Craft in Working.

VI. Of Behaviour, viz:

1. In the Lodge while constituted.
2. After the Lodge is over and the Brethren not gone.
3. When Brethren meet without strangers but not in a Lodge formed.
4. In the presence of strangers not Masons.
5. At home and in your neighbourhood.
6. Towards a strange Brother.

VII. Antient Charges—To the Master Elect.

THE CHARGES OF A FREE MASON

I.—CONCERNING GOD AND RELIGION

A Mason is obliged by his tenure to obey the moral law, and if he rightly understands the art he will never be a stupid atheist, nor an irreligious libertine. He, of all men, should best understand that God seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh at the outward appearance, but God looketh to the heart. A Mason

is, therefore, particularly bound never to act against the dictates of his conscience. Let a man's religion, or mode of worship, be what it may, he is not excluded from the order, provided he believe in the Architect of heaven and earth, and practice the sacred duties of morality. Masons unite with the virtuous of every persuasion, in the firm and pleasing bond of fraternal love; they are taught to view the errors of mankind with compassion, and to strive by the purity of their own conduct to demonstrate the superior excellence of the faith they may profess. Thus Masonry is the centre of union between good men and true, and the happy means of conciliating friendship amongst those who must otherwise have remained at a perpetual distance.

II.—OF THE CIVIL MAGISTRATE, SUPREME AND SUBORDINATE

A Mason is a peaceful subject to the civil powers wherever he resides or works, and is never to be concerned in plots and conspiracies against the peace and welfare of the nation, nor to behave himself undutifully to inferior magistrates. He is cheerfully to conform to every lawful authority; to uphold on every occasion the interest of the community, and zealously promote the prosperity of his own country. Masonry has ever flourished in times of peace, and been always injured by war, blood-shed and confusion, so that kings and princes in every age have been disposed to encourage the craftsmen on account of their peaceableness and loyalty, whereby they practically answer the cavils of their adver-

saries, and promote the honour of the fraternity. Craftsmen are bound by peculiar ties to promote peace, cultivate harmony, and live in concord and brotherly love.

III.—OF LODGES

A Lodge is a place where Freemasons assemble to work and to instruct and to improve themselves in the mysteries of their antient science. In an extended sense, it applies to persons as well as to place; hence, every regular assembly or duly authorized meeting of Masons is called a Lodge. Every brother ought to belong to some Lodge, and be subject to its bylaws and the general regulations of the Craft. A Lodge may be either general or particular, as will be best understood by attending it, and there a knowledge of the established usages and customs of the Craft may be acquired. From antient times no master or fellow would be absent from his Lodge, especially when warned to appear at it, without incurring a severe censure; unless it appeared to the Master and Wardens that pure necessity hindered him.

The persons made Masons and admitted members of a Lodge must be good and true men, free born, and of a mature and discreet age and sound judgment, no bondmen, no women, no immoral or scandalous men, but of good report.

IV.—OF MASTERS, WARDENS, FELLOWS AND APPRENTICES

All preferment among Masons is grounded upon real worth and personal merit only, that

so the lords may be well served, the brethren not put to shame, nor the royal Craft despised; therefore, no Master or Warden is chosen by seniority, but for his merit. It is impossible to describe these things in writing, and therefore every brother must attend in his place, and learn them in a way peculiar to this fraternity. Candidates may, nevertheless, know that no Master should take an apprentice, unless he has sufficient employment for him; and unless he is a perfect youth, having no maim or defect in his body that may render him incapable of learning the art, or serving his masters' lord and of being made a brother and then a fellowcraft in due time, after he has served such a term of years as the custom of the country directs; and that he should be descended of honest parents, that so, when otherwise qualified, he may arrive to the honour of being a Warden, and then the Master of the Lodge, the Grand Warden, and at length the Grand Master of all the Lodges, according to his merit.

No brother can be a Warden unless he has passed the part of a Fellow-craft, nor a Master until he has acted as Warden, nor a Grand Warden until he has been Master of a Lodge, nor a Grand Master until he has been a Fellow-craft before his election, who is also to be notably born or a gentleman of the best fashion, or some eminent scholar, or some curious architect, or other artist, descended of honest parents, and who is of singularly great merit in the lodges.

These rulers and governors, supreme and subordinate, of the antient lodge, are to be

obeyed in their respective stations by all the brethren, according to the old charges and regulations, with all humility, reverence, love and alacrity.

N.B.—In antient times, no brother, however skilled in the Craft, was called a Master Mason until he had been elected into the chair of the Lodge.

V.—OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CRAFT IN WORKING

All Masons should work honestly on working days, that they may live creditably on holy days; and the time appointed by the law of the land, or confirmed by custom, shall be observed.

The most expert of the Fellow-craftsmen shall be chosen or appointed the Master, or overseer, of the lord's work, who is to be called master by those who work under him. The craftsmen are to avoid all ill language, and call each other by no disobliging name, but brother or fellow; and to behave themselves courteously within and without the lodge.

The Master, knowing himself to be able of cunning, shall undertake the lord's work as reasonably as possible, and truly dispend his goods as if they were his own; nor give more wages to any brother or apprentice than he really may deserve.

Both the Master and the Mason receiving their wages justly shall be faithful to the lord,

and honestly finish their work, whether task or journey; nor put the work to task that hath been accustomed to journey.

None shall discover envy at the prosperity of a brother, nor surplant him or put him out of his work if he is capable to finish the same; for no man can finish another's work so much to the lord's profit, unless he be thoroughly acquainted with the designs and draughts of him that began it.

When the Fellow-craftsman is chosen Warden of the work under the Master he shall be true both to Master and Fellows, shall carefully oversee the work in the Master's absence, to the lord's profit; and his brethren shall obey him.

All Masons employed shall meekly receive their wages without murmuring or mutiny, and not desert the Master till the work be finished.

A younger brother shall be instructed in working to prevent spoiling the materials for want of judgment, and for increasing and continuing of brotherly love.

All the tools used in working shall be approved by Grand Lodge.

No labourer shall be employed in the proper work of Masonry; nor shall Freemasons work with those who are not free, without an urgent necessity; nor shall they teach labourers or unaccepted Masons as they should teach a brother or a fellow.

VI.—OF BEHAVIOUR, VIZ.

1.—IN THE LODGE WHILE CONSTITUTED

You are not to hold private committees or separate conversations without leave from the Master, nor talk of anything impertinently or unseemly, nor interrupt the Master or Wardens or any brother speaking to the Master; nor behave yourself ludicrously or jestingly while the Lodge is engaged in what is serious and solemn; nor use any unbecoming language upon any pretence whatsoever; but to pay due reverence to your Master, Wardens and Fellows and put them to worship.

If any complaint be brought, the brother found guilty shall stand to the award and determination of the lodge who are the proper and competent judges of all such controversies (unless you carry them by appeal to Grand Lodge), and to whom they ought to be referred, unless a lord's work be hindered the meanwhile, in which case a particular reference may be made; but you must never go to law about what concerneth Masonry, without an absolute necessity apparent to the lodge.

2.—BEHAVIOUR AFTER THE LODGE IS OVER AND
THE BRETHREN NOT GONE

You may enjoy yourselves with innocent mirth, treating one another according to ability, but avoiding excess, or forcing any brother to eat or drink beyond his inclination, or hinder him from going when the occasion calls him or doing or saying anything offensive, or that may forbid an easy and free conversation, for that would blast our har-

mony and defeat our laudable purposes. Therefore, no private piques or quarrels must be brought within the door of the lodge, far less any quarrels about religion, or nations, or state policy, we being only as Masons of the universal religion above mentioned; we are also of all nations, tongues, kindreds and languages, and are resolved against all politics, as what never yet conducted to the welfare of the lodge nor ever will.

3.—BEHAVIOUR WHEN BRETHREN MEET WITHOUT STRANGERS, BUT NOT IN A LODGE FORMED

You are to salute one another in a courteous manner as you will be instructed, calling each other brother, freely giving mutual instruction as shall be thought expedient, without being overseen or overheard, and without encroaching on each other, or derogating from that respect which is due to any brother, were he not a Mason; for though all Masons are as brethren upon the same level, yet Masonry takes no honour from a man that he had before; nay rather it adds to his honour, especially if he has deserved well of the brotherhood, who must give honour to whom it is due and avoid ill-manners.

4.—BEHAVIOUR IN PRESENCE OF STRANGERS NOT MASONS

You are to be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger should not be able to discover or find out what is not proper to be intimated; and sometimes you may divert a discourse and manage it prudently for the honour of the Worshipful Fraternity.

5.—BEHAVIOUR AT HOME AND IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD

You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man, particularly not to let your family, friends and neighbours know the concerns of the lodge, etc., but wisely to consult your own honour, and that of the antient brotherhood, for reasons not to be mentioned here. You must also consult your health, by not continuing together too late or too long from home after lodge hours are passed; and by avoiding of gluttony or drunkenness, that your family be not neglected or injured, nor you disabled from working.

6.—BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS A STRANGE BROTHER

You are cautioned to examine him in such a manner as prudence shall direct, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant, false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.

But if you discover him to be a true and genuine brother, you are to respect him accordingly; and if he is in want you must relieve him if you can, or direct him how he may be relieved. You must employ him some days or else recommend him to be employed. But you are not charged to do beyond your ability; only to prefer a poor brother and a good man and true before any other people in the same circumstances.

Finally.—All these charges you are to observe and also those that shall be communicated unto you in another way; cultivating brotherly love, the foundation and cope-stone, the cement and glory of this antient

fraternity; avoiding all wrangling and quarreling, all slander and back-biting, nor permitting others to slander any honest brother, but defending his character and doing him all good offices, so far as is consistent with your honour and safety and no further. And if any of them do you injury, you must apply to your own or his lodge; and from thence you may appeal to the Grand Lodge, at the annual communication, as has been the ancient laudable conduct of our forefathers in every nation; never taking a legal course but when the case cannot be otherwise decided; and patiently listening to the honest and friendly advice of masters and fellows, when they would prevent you going to law with strangers, or would excite you to put a speedy period to all lawsuits, that so you may find the affair of Masonry with more alacrity and success; but with the respect to brothers or fellows at law, the masters and brethren should kindly offer their mediation, which ought to be thankfully submitted to by the contending brethren; and if that submission is impracticable, they must, however, carry on their process of lawsuit without wrath or rancor (not in the common way), saying or doing nothing which may hinder brotherly love and good offices to be renewed and continued, that all may see the benign influence of Masonry, as all true Masons have done from the beginning of the world, and will do to the end of time.

AMEN, SO MOTE IT BE.

VII.—SUMMARY OF THE ANTIENT CHARGES
AND REGULATIONS TO BE READ BY THE
SECRETARY (OR ACTING SECRETARY) TO
THE MASTER-ELECT, PRIOR TO HIS IN-
STALLATION INTO THE CHAIR OF THE
LODGE:

1. You agree to be a good man and true, and strictly to obey the moral law.
2. You agree to be a peaceful subject and cheerfully to conform to the laws of the country in which you reside.
3. You promise not to be concerned in plots or conspiracies against government, but patiently to submit to the decisions of the supreme legislature.
4. You agree to pay a proper respect to the civil magistrate, to work diligently, live creditably, and act honourably by all men.
5. You agree to hold in veneration the original rulers and patrons of the Order of Freemasonry, and their regular successors, supreme and subordinate according to their stations, and to submit to the awards and resolutions of your brethren in general lodge convened, in every case consistent with the constitution of the Order.
6. You agree to avoid private piques and quarrels and to guard against intemperance and excess.
7. You agree to be cautious in your carriage and behaviour, courteous to your brethren and faithful to your lodge.
8. You promise to respect genuine and true brethren, and to discountenance imposters and all dissenters from the original plan of Freemasonry.

9. You agree to promote the general good of society, to cultivate the social virtues, and to propagate the knowledge of the mystic art as far as your influence and ability can extend.

10. You promise to pay homage to the Grand Master for the time being, and to his officers when duly installed and strictly to conform to every edict of the Grand Lodge.

11. You admit that it is not in the power of any man, or body of men, to make innovation in the body of Masonry.

12. You promise a regular attendance on the communications and committees of the Grand Lodge upon receiving proper notice thereof; and to pay attention to all the duties of Freemasonry, upon proper and convenient occasions.

13. You admit that no new Lodge can be formed without permission of the Grand Master, and that no countenance ought to be given to any irregular Lodge, or any person initiated therein; and that no public procession of Masons clothed with the badge of the Order, can take place without the special license of the Grand Master, except a Masonic funeral.

14. You admit that no person can regularly be made a Freemason, or admitted a member of any lodge without previous notice and due inquiry into his character; and that no brother can be advanced to a higher degree except in strict conformity with the laws of the Grand Lodge.

15. You promise that no visitor shall be received into your lodge without due examination and producing proper vouchers of his having been initiated into a regular lodge.

PRAYERS

INVOCATION—FIRST DEGREE

Vouchsafe Thine aid, Almighty Father and Supreme Governor of the Universe, to this our present convention, and grant that this candidate for Masonry may so dedicate and devote his life to Thy service as to become a true and faithful brother among us. Endue him with a competency of Thy divine wisdom, that, assisted by the secrets of this our Masonic art, he may be the better enabled to display the beauties of true godliness, to the honour and glory of Thy holy name.—So mote it be.

INVOCATION—SECOND DEGREE

We supplicate the continuance of Thine aid, O merciful God, on behalf of ourselves and of him who kneels before Thee. May the work begun in Tny name be continued to Thy glory, and evermore established in us by obedience to Thy holy precepts.—So mote it be.

INVOCATION—THIRD DEGREE

Almighty and Eternal Being, the glorious Architect and Ruler of the Universe, at whose creative fiat all things first were made, we the frail creatures of Thy Providence, humbly implore Thee to pour down on this convocation assembled in Thy Holy Name, the continual dew of Thy blessing; more especially we beseech Thee, to impart Thy grace to this Thy servant, who offers himself a candidate to

partake with us the mysterious secrets of a Master Mason; endue him with such fortitude that in the hour of trial he fail not; but pass him safely under Thy protection through the valley of the shadow of death, that he may finally arise from the tomb of transgression to shine as the stars for ever and ever.—So mote it be.

FORMS

The Board of General Purposes has approved the following forms pursuant to the provisions of Section 211 of the Constitution. Of these forms No. 1 to No. 12 inclusive, may be obtained from the office of the Grand Secretary.

1. Petition for Affiliation.
2. Petition for Initiation.
3. Reference of Petition.
4. Demit.
5. Conditional Withdrawal.
6. Certificate of Standing.
7. Notice to Pay Delinquent Dues.
8. Notice of Suspension.
9. Notice of Restoration.
10. Notice of Rejection.
11. Petition for Assistance.
12. Certificate of Election, Appointment and Installation of Officers.

The further forms, No. 13 to No. 39, inclusive, are prepared and included herewith for the assistance and guidance of Lodges.

FORM 13.

RECORDING LODGE MINUTES

REGULAR MEETINGS

A regular meeting of Lodge No....., G.R.S., was held in the Masonic Hall,..... on evening, A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

PRESENT

W. Bro.	Worshipful Master
Bro.	Senior Warden
Bro.	Junior Warden
Bro.	Treasurer
Bro.	Secretary
Bro.	Chaplain
Bro.	Senior Deacon
Bro.	Junior Deacon
Bro.	Director of Ceremonies
Bro.	Steward
Bro.	Steward
Bro.	Inner Guard
Bro.	Tyler

The names of all members present.

The names of all visiting brethren, their rank, and the name, number and location of the Lodge of which they are or were members.

OPENING LODGE

The Lodge was opened severally in first second and third degrees of Masonry (if the W.M. is absent, add by Bro..... the W.M. being absent) at..... p.m.

MINUTES CONFIRMED

The minutes of the last regular meeting held on and emergent meeting held on were read and confirmed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PETITIONS

The committees on the petitions of W. T. L. and H. E. W. for initiation, and Bros. F. L. P. and A. E. D. for affiliation, reported favourably.

The committee on the petition of L. J. M. reported unfavourably.

The committee on the petition of J. M. D. for initiation made a special report thereon, stating that the petitioner was disqualified on account of insufficient residence, but it could find no other objection to him.

It was moved by Bro. J. G., seconded by Bro. H. S., and adopted,—That the reports of the committees on the petitions of W. T. L., H. E. W., L. J. M. and J. M. D. for initiation, and Bros. F. L. P. and A. E. D. for affiliation be received and adopted.

The W.M. therefore declared L. J. M. a rejected candidate and directed the withdrawal of the petition of J. M. D. for initiation, and

instructed the Secretary to notify the brethren accordingly, and return the fee of \$..... accompanying each petition.

REPORTS, GENERAL

The committee appointed to take into consideration (**here state the subject**) submitted its report, which was, on motion of Bro. J. M., seconded by Bro. A. P., received and adopted.

PROPOSAL OF CANDIDATES FOR INITIATION

The petition of J. M. C. for initiation, recommended by Bros. R. C. B. and S. A. O., and accompanied by the fee, \$....., was read.

It was moved by Bro. J. S., seconded by Bro. J.M., and adopted,—That the petition of J. M. C. be received, placed on the minutes and referred to a committee.

The petition of M. S. J. for initiation, recommended by Bros. C. P. and J. O. A., and accompanied by the fee of \$-----, was read, representing that he had been rejected in Lodge, No....., at Toronto, Ont.

It was moved by Bro. J. M., seconded by Bro. J. S. and adopted—That the petition of M. S. J. be received, placed on the minutes, and referred to a committee; and that the Secretary be instructed to request the Grand Secretary to communicate with Lodge, No., regarding the character and standing of the petitioner; the result of the inquiry to be reported to the proper committee.

PROPOSALS OF CANDIDATES FOR AFFILIATION

The petition of Bro. H. D. A. for affiliation, recommended by Bros. S. W. G. and J. G., accompanied by a demit (or certificate of standing) from..... Lodge, No....., located at, was read.

It was moved by Bro. D. H. M., seconded by Bro. A. E. M., and adopted—That the petition of Bro. H. D. A. be received, placed on the minutes, and referred to a committee.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES ON PETITIONS

The W.M. appointed the following committees to make the necessary inquiries regarding the character and standing of the several petitioners, viz.:

On the petitions of J. M. C. and M. S. J. for initiation, Bros. L. S., T. W. L., and R. W. E. On the petition of Bro. H. D. A. for affiliation, Bros. J. A. P., A. G. A. and A. L. Y.

APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COMMITTEES

The same form, only insert the specific business.

BALLOT

The W.M. ordered the ballot to be passed for W. T. L., a candidate for initiation, and being found favourable he was declared elected.

The ballot was passed for H. E. W., a candidate for initiation and being found unfavourable, the candidate was declared rejected.

The Secretary was instructed to return to the rejected candidate the fee of \$..... which accompanied his petition.

The ballot was passed for Bro. F. L. P., a candidate for affiliation, and being found unfavourable, he was declared rejected.

The Secretary was instructed to return to Bro. F. L. P. the certificate of standing, which accompanied his petition.

The ballot was passed for Bro. A. E. D., a candidate for affiliation, and being found favourable, he was declared elected.

The Secretary was instructed to forward Bro. A. E. D.'s demit to the Grand Secretary's office with the next semi-annual returns.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were read, viz.:

From the Grand Secretary, dated 19....., calling the attention of the Lodge to the fact that the returns for the half year ending, 19....., had not been received, and stating that the provisions of section 113 of the Constitution would be enforced.

The W.M. instructed the Secretary to forward the return for the half year ending 19....., together with all the fees and dues required by the Constitution, and at the same time explain that the delay in forwarding same was caused by the unavoidable absence from home of the W.M. and Secretary.

Communication was read from Lodge No., dated, 19....., notifying this Lodge of the suspension for non-payment of dues of Bros. E. C., J. H. and W. D. J., and of the rejection of Messrs. M. P. and S. D. N., candidates for initiation, and Bro. J. B., a candidate for affiliation.

The communications were received, and ordered to be filed.

PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

On motion of Bro. H. H. M., seconded by Bro. A. D. M., the following accounts were passed, and warrants for their payment ordered to be issued when duly certified.

GENERAL BUSINESS

It was moved by Bro. T. W. L., seconded by Bro. A. A. A., and adopted—That the Secretary be instructed to procure fifty copies of the Constitution, one Secretarys' ledger (printed headings), and one historical register, and that a cheque in favor of the Grand Secretary for the sum of \$....., be issued for same.

It was moved by Bro. W. M. T., seconded by Bro. H. S. P. and adopted—That the Secretary be instructed to have suitably bound volume of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

It was moved by Bro. M. J., seconded by Bro. A.M.—That the Secretary be instructed to notify Lodge, No., that this Lodge consents to its receiving and acting upon the petition of W. R., who resides in the jurisdiction of this Lodge, but who was formerly a resident of, where the said Lodge is located.

The motion was put and declared lost.

A communication was read from Bro. H. J. G., stating that he had received a notice from the Secretary to appear at this meeting, and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. He expressed his regret that owing to sickness he had been unable to work, and requested the Lodge to grant him an extension of three months.

It was moved by Bro. G. S. W., seconded by Bro. R. A., and adopted—That Bro. H. J. G. be granted an extension of three months for the payment of his dues.

SUSPENSIONS FOR NONPAYMENT OF DUES

The Secretary reported that he had notified Bros. C. A. M., F. W., W. A. C., and H. J. G., by registered letter to appear at this meeting and show cause why they should not be suspended for nonpayment of dues. Bros. C. A. M., F. W., and W. A. C., not having appeared, and having failed to give a satisfactory reason for their delinquency, the W.M. formally declared them suspended.

NOTICE TO DELINQUENT MEMBERS

The Secretary reported that Bros. M. A. F., F. H. Y. and P. S. H., were over one year in arrears for dues. The W.M. therefore instructed him to summon the brethren to appear at the next regular meeting to show cause why they should not be suspended for nonpayment of dues.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Secretary read the names of brethren entitled to hold office and vote in the Lodge (no brother one year or over in arrears being entitled to vote or hold office).

The Lodge then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The W.M. appointed Bros., to be scrutineers of the ballot, and the following were declared to be duly elected, namely: **(Here insert the name and offices.)**

CANDIDATES IN WAITING

W. T. L. and A. E. Y., candidates for initiation, were reported as in waiting.

Labour was suspended in the third degree and resumed in the first degree at p.m.

OBJECTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Bro. J. E. D. objected to the initiation of A. E. Y., one of the candidates in waiting.

The W.M. appointed W. Bros. a board of Installed Masters, with power to inquire into the cause of objection, and report at the next regular meeting.

BOARD OF TRIAL

The W.M. appointed Bros. a board of trial to put the necessary questions to W. T. L., a candidate for initiation. **(If more than one, give names in full, and say "candidates.")**

The board of trial having reported to the W.M. that the candidate had answered the necessary questions, and the candidate having been properly prepared, he was **(or they were severally) initiated into the first degree of Free Masonry.**

PASSING

Bros. A. E. M. and W. E. H., candidates for advancement, were examined in open Lodge as to their proficiency and directed to retire.

Labour was suspended in the first degree (or as the case may be) and resumed in the second degree at p.m.

Bro. G. H. H. objected to the advancement of Bro. A. E. M.

The W.M. directed that the advancement of Bro. A. E. M. be postponed until such time as the charge laid by Bro. G. H. H. be properly dealt with.

No objection being made, Bro. W. E. H., having been found worthy of advancement, and having been properly prepared, he was (or they were severally) passed to the second or Fellow Craft degree.

RAISING

Bro. (or Bros.), a candidate (or candidates) for further advancement, was (or were) examined in open Lodge as to his (or their) proficiency, and directed to retire.

Labour was suspended in the second degree and resumed in the third degree at p.m.

No objection being made, and Bro. P. F. having been well skilled, he was (or they were severally) raised to the third or sublime degree of Master Mason.

CALLING FROM LABOUR TO REFRESHMENT

The lodge was called from labour to refreshment at o'clock.

CALLING FROM REFRESHMENT TO LABOUR

The Lodge resumed labour at o'clock.

The Secretary reported the following receipts since the last regular meeting (including this meeting):

W. T. L., initiation fee, \$.....; W. E. S., dues, \$.....; W. S. S., dues, \$.....; A. P., dues, \$.....

CLOSING THE LODGE

The rough minutes of the meeting were then submitted for approval and correction.

The Lodge was closed in harmony severally in the third, second and first degrees at p.m.

Confirmed in open Lodge (give date) A. L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

.....
W.M.

.....
Secretary.

FORM 14

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

A meeting of Lodge, No. G.R.S., was held in the Masonic Hall on evening, A.L. 59, A.D. 19.....

(Give names of those present as in Form 13.)

The Lodge was opened severally in the first, second and third degrees at p.m.

The minutes of the regular meeting, held on so far as the same relate to the election of the W.M. were read and confirmed.

Labour was suspended in the third degree and resumed in the second degree at p.m.

Bro....., the Worshipful Master-elect, was then presented to the installing Master, and having answered the necessary questions, and having given his assent to the antient charges and regulations, he was obligated in due form.

Labour was suspended in the second degree and resumed in the third degree at p.m.

The W.M. was proclaimed in the third degree, and saluted by the brethren in due form.

The Lodge was closed in the third degree at p.m.

The W.M. was proclaimed for the second time, and was saluted in due form.

The Lodge was closed in the second degree at p.m.

The W.M. was proclaimed for the third time, and saluted with customary honours.

The following elective and appointed officers were then invested (**here insert the names and offices.**)

(Here may follow the appointment of trustees, auditors or committees.)

The Lodge was closed in the first degree at p.m.

Confirmed in open Lodge this day of A.L. 59 A.D. 19.....
W.M. Secretary.

FORM 15

CHARGE FOR IMMORAL CONDUCT

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Lodge, No.....

Brother..... is hereby charged with immoral and unmasonic conduct in the matters following:

First specification.—That the said on the day of A.L. 59, A.D. 19....., in the public street, at

was in a state of intoxication in violation of his duty as a Mason, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Craft.

Second specification.—That the said on the day of, A.L. 59, A.D. 19....., at said and at divers other times and places between that time and the date of these charges, was intoxicated, although admonished therefor by the Master and Wardens of this Lodge, in violation of his duty as a Mason, and to the scandal and disgrace of the Craft.

It is therefore demanded that the said be tried for the said offences according to Masonic law and usage.

Dated the day of, A.L. 59, A.D. 19.....

A new specification should be added for each separate statement of fact constituting a Masonic offence. The specifications should be stated as they are expected to be proved with reasonable certainty as to time, place and circumstances, briefly but distinctly.

A few forms are given, but it is obviously impossible to prepare a form for each case that may occur; it is hoped, as no technicality is required, the forms given may suggest the form in other cases.

FORM 16

CHARGE FOR SLANDER

That the said did, on the day of, A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., at in the presence and hearing of and others, used the following slanderous words of and concerning (here insert the name of person or Lodge slandered, then set out the words as nearly as possible).

FORM 17.

CHARGE FOR CHEATING

That the said on the day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., at did wrong, cheat and defraud (here insert the name of the person or Lodge defrauded), by (here insert a description of the method of cheating used).

FORM 18.

CHARGE FOR THREATENING TO INJURE THE LODGE BY BLACKBALLING CANDIDATES

That the said on the day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., at did threaten to impede the work of the Lodge by an improper use of the black ball, in the following language (here insert the language used as perfectly as possible).

FORM 19.

NOTICE TO THE ACCUSED WHEN TESTIMONY IS TAKEN IN THE LODGE

To Bro.....

You are hereby notified that at a regular meeting of Lodge, No....., A.F. & A.M. G.R.S., held at on the day of 19....., charges were preferred against you for unmasonic conduct, a true copy of which is hereto annexed, and which said charge or charges were accepted by a majority vote of the Lodge, and you were ordered to be placed on trial.

You are further notified that a meeting of the said Lodge will be held in the at the of on the day of at p.m., for the trial of the said charge (**or** charges).

And you are further notified to appear at said time, in person, or by some brother authorized in writing to act as your counsel, and make defence to said charge (**or** charges).

Given under my hand and the seal of said Lodge, No., at this day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

By order of the Worshipful Master.
(Seal)

.....Secretary.

FORM 20.

CERTIFICATE OF PERSONAL SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., I gave to the within named (**or** left at the residence of the said **or** with a grown-up member of his family), a notice of which the within is a duplicate, with an attested copy of the charge annexed.

Dated at this day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

FORM 21.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE BY MAIL

I hereby certify that on the day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., I mailed a notice, of which the within is a duplicate, with

an attested copy of the charge annexed, to Bro. at in the Province (or District, State or Country), that being his last known post office address, in a registered letter, the receipt for which letter from an official or employee of the post office is hereunto annexed.

Dated at this day of
A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

FORM 22.

NOTICE TO THE ACCUSED WHEN TESTIMONY IS TAKEN BY A COMMITTEE

To Bro.

Take notice that in the matter of the complaint preferred against you in Lodge, No. by Bro., the Worshipful Master has appointed Bros. a committee to take the testimony of witnesses, Masons or non-Masons, at which time both the accuser and the accused, in person or by a brother Master Mason, as counsel or representative, shall be entitled to be present.

Given under my hand and the seal of Lodge, No., G.R.S., at this day A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

By order of the Worshipful Master.
(Seal)

.....Secretary.

The Secretary should keep a duplicate copy of the notice to the accused, which should be attached to the original complaint and specifications, and upon which he should make a return of the time and manner of service.

FORM 23.

RETURN OF SERVICE OF NOTICE TO THE
ACCUSED

I certify that on the day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19..... (I gave the within-named in hand) a notice, of which the above is a true copy.

Dated the day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

..... Secretary.
..... Lodge, No.....

In place of the clause in parenthesis may be the following as the truth may be.

(I deposited in the post office at..... enclosed in an envelope, securely sealed, and directed as follows (**give the direction on the letter as sent**), "If not called for within ten days return to") The postage was paid thereon, and the letter was registered, and has (not) been returned to me.

The Secretary should send a similar notice to the accused.

FORM 24.

SUMMONS TO MASON AS WITNESS

To Bro.

You are hereby summoned and required to attend an emergent meeting (**or** a meeting of the committee) of Lodge, No..... to be held at the Lodge room, on..... the..... day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., at o'clock p.m., and there testify what you know relative to a charge preferred by Brother against Brother

Dated the day of A.L. 59.....
A.D. 19.....

By order of the Worshipful Master.

.....Secretary
(Seal)

.....Lodge, No.....

The person serving the summons should make upon
a copy of it a return of the time and mode of service.

FORM 25.

RETURN OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS OF WITNESS

I certify that on the day of
A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., I gave the within-
named in hand, a summons, of which
the above is a true copy.

.....Secretary.

If the service was made in any other mode, as by
registered letter, etc., the returns should state the exact
mode of service.

Should occasion arise for taking the deposition of a
witness the Master should issue a commission to some
Master Mason to take such a deposition.

FORM 26.

COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

To.....

You are hereby authorized to take the de-
position in writing of of what he knows
relating to a charge and specifications made to
..... Lodge, No....., by Brother
..... against Brother

You will give reasonable notice in writing to
both parties of the time and place appointed
by you for taking such deposition; the depon-

ent will testify upon his honour; both parties may be present with their counsel, and put such questions as they may please and are relevant. If any question be proposed to the propriety or relevancy of which objection is made you will write the question at length as asked; you will then write the objection, after which you will propose the question to the deponent, and write his answer in the exact words used by him as nearly as possible. The deposition being completed, you will read the same to the deponent, and after he has signed it, you will securely seal the same, together with this commission and your return of your doings thereon, in an envelope in his presence, and return the same to Lodge, No.....

Dated at day of, A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

By order of the Worshipful Master.

.....Secretary

.....Lodge, No.....

(Seal)

FORM 27

NOTICE TO PARTIES OF TAKING DEPOSITION

To Brother and Brother

Take notice that on the day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., at....., in..... at o'clock in the noon, by virtue of a commission sent to me from Worshipful Master of Lodge, No., I shall take the deposition of what he knows relating to a charge and specifications made to Lodge, No., by Brother against Brother

Dated the day of, A.L. 59, A.D.
19.....

.....
Appointed to take such deposition.

A return of the service should be made as in other cases.

No particular form is necessary in the deposition, the only object being to give, so far as practicable, the language and manner of the witness. If objection is made to any question as leading or irrelevant, or for any other cause, the question, the objection and the answer should each be written, that the Lodge may judge of the propriety of the question and answer. If any objection is made to the person appointed to take the deposition, or to any other part of the proceedings, it should be made and noted in the return of the commission. The commencement of the deposition may be as follows:

FORM 28.

COMMENCEMENT OF DEPOSITION

I,, of , on my honour (as a Mason) declare and say, etc., etc.

To be signed by party giving evidence.

FORM 29.

RETURN OF COMMISSION TO TAKE DEPOSITION

Pursuant to the annexed commission, on the day of, A.L. 59 A.D. 19....., I notified both the parties in writing, that on the day of, A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., at in at o'clock in the noon I should take the deposition of the said and at the same time and place the appended deposition was given, the parties being present and putting such questions as they pleased. After such deposition

had been reduced to writing, it was by me read to said deponent, who afterwards signed the same.

(The accused objected to the caption, because the notice given him was too short to enable him to get his counsel present.)

Dated the day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

.....
Appointed to take such deposition.

If either party was not present, the return should show who was present and who was absent.

If any other objection is made to the deposition, or any part of it, the person appointed to take it will not attempt to judge of the validity of the objection, but will return it with such facts as may be necessary to the proper understanding of it, to the Lodge for their judgment. He should place the commission, copy of notice to the parties, return of service thereon, and the deposition, in an envelope, securely seal the same, and direct it as follows:

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FORM 30.

DIRECTION OF SEALED ENVELOPE CONTAINING DEPOSITION AND OTHER PAPERS

To Lodge, No., of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons:

Enclosed is the deposition and accompanying papers of taken to be used in the matter of the charge of Brother against Brother now pending in said Lodge. Taken and sealed up by me, in the presence of the deponent, this day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

.....
Appointed to take such deposition.

If any papers are produced, they should be marked with letters or numbers, and referred to thereby in the deposition, and then attached to it.

On the day appointed, the W. Master having opened a meeting of the Lodge in the third degree, the complaint specifications, notices to the accused and to the complainant, the answer of the accused, and reply, if any, are read. If an objection exists to the regularity of any of the proceedings, it should then be made, when the Lodge will proceed to determine it. There being none or having been over-ruled, the evidence is then presented. If any objection is made to any part of the evidence, the Lodge will by vote determine upon it. The evidence having all been presented, the counsel or the parties will be permitted to make such remarks, pertinent to the case, as they may wish, when the parties with their counsel will retire, and the Lodge will then proceed to determine the question of the guilt and the nature of the punishment.

FORM 31.

NOTICE TO COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO TAKE EVIDENCE

To Brothers of Lodge, No., A.F. & A.M.

Take notice that the Worshipful Master of Lodge, No., A.F. & A.M., has appointed you a committee to take evidence in the matter of certain charges preferred in said Lodge, on the day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., by Brother against Brother and you are hereby directed to proceed to take all the proofs and evidence pertaining to the said charges, and to report the same in writing with your proceedings, to the said Lodge with all convenient speed.

Dated day of A.L. 59,
A.D. 19

By order of the Worshipful Master.
(Seal)

..... Secretary
..... Lodge, No.....

FORM 32.

RECORD OF SPECIAL MEETING FOR THE
PURPOSE OF MASONIC TRIAL

A special meeting of Lodge, No..... G.R.S., A.F. & A.M., was held at on the day of A.L. 59..... A.D. 19....., at o'clock p.m.

Present: W. Master, etc.
(The full Christian and surname, with the initials at least of all middle names, of all officers and members should appear.)

The Lodge was opened regularly in the third degree of Masonry.

This meeting was called for the special purpose of considering the charge and specifications made by Brother against Brother

The complaint, specifications, notices, returns, answer of the accused, and reply (if any) were read, and the committee having reported the evidence it was presented and read to the Lodge, and the parties by their counsel, having been heard, then retired with their counsel.

The question, "Is the accused guilty or not guilty?" was then determined by ballot, each member of the Lodge present voting, and upon examination the vote was declared by the Worshipful Master to stand as follows:
For guilty, for not guilty

A majority having voted not guilty, the Lodge adjudged against conviction.

A majority having voted guilty, a ballot was taken for indefinite suspension which was carried by a majority, and the W. Master in-

structed the Secretary to report to Grand Lodge for further action. If not carried a ballot was then taken for definite suspension and upon examination it was found that a majority was against the same.

Brother was then introduced when the W.M. proceeded to administer a reprimand in open Lodge.

There being no further business the Lodge was closed in harmony until the next regular meeting.

.....	Secretary.
Confirmed	, A.L. 59....., A.D.
19.....	W. Master

FORM 33.

RECORD OF EVIDENCE, ETC., BEFORE COMMITTEE

At a special meeting of the committee of Lodge, No., held at on the day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., for the purpose of taking evidence in the matter of the charges and specifications made by Brother against Brother , the charges and specifications were first read.

The notices to the accused and the accuser to appear before the committee with the returns to the same, were then read as follows:
(Here copy the notices and returns.)

The answer and reply, if any, were read:

Brother requested that not a Mason might be admitted to assist him as his counsel, which was refused by the

Lodge, it being contrary to the Constitution to admit as counsel any person not a Mason.

Brother then requested Brother to assist him as counsel, who consented to do so.

Brother then objected to the second specification as not being sufficiently definite and certain, which was over-ruled by the committee.

Brother was then called as a witness by the accuser in support of the said charges, and testified as a Master Mason as follows: I reside in am a member of Lodge No. in good standing. I am well acquainted with Brother I saw him on street, in on the day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19..... I was on the opposite side of the street. He appeared to be much intoxicated.

Objection was made to witness testifying as to the appearance of the accused, saying that he should state what the accused did, and how he acted; not stating his appearance as being, but stating his conclusion from what he saw; but the objection was over-ruled.

I saw him five or ten minutes; he reeled as he walked, etc. (as the facts may be.)

On cross-examination he further testified: I knew that Brother had been sick for several days. Am a physician; do not think Brother's reeling and staggering while walking was the result of weakness, caused by his sickness. Can conceive of a man being so weak from sickness, long continued, as to reel like a man intoxicated. Am certain that this could have been the case

with Brother Have none but the kindest feelings toward Brother May have said he was drinking too much of late, etc.

Mr. was then called as a witness by the complainant, and testified on his honour as follows: (Here give the testimony as in the case of the first witness.)

On cross-examination Mr. further testified, etc. (Here give the cross-examination.)

The accuser then offered the deposition of Brother

Objection was further made because the notice given the accused was too short to enable him to get his counsel present, which appearing to be the fact, the deposition was rejected.

The evidence on the part of the accuser here closed.

Brother on behalf of Brother then offered the affidavit of Mr. to which the accuser objected, on the grounds that Mr. should be produced for cross-examination, and the affidavit was rejected by the committee.

Mr. was then called as a witness, and the accuser then consented that the affidavit might be read, which was read accordingly, and is annexed, marked (A).

On cross-examination Mr. further testified, etc.

The evidence was then closed.

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.....
.....
Committee.

These minutes are thus given in a somewhat extended form, because they present convenient way of calling attention to certain facts and proceedings in the course of a trial. Thus, the statement of objections by either party and the grounds of them, and the decision of the Committee thereon, both of which should always be stated; that a person not a Mason was not permitted to act as counsel; that the accused had or had not counsel; that the first witness testified in his character as a Master Mason; that the testimony is taken down as near as practicable in the words of the witness, etc.; that an affidavit taken without knowledge of the other party was not admitted, etc.

FORM 34.

NOTICE OF CONVICTION

To.....

Take notice that a meeting of Lodge, No., held at on the day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., upon consideration of the charges and specifications made by Brother against you, it was adjudged and determined by the Lodge that you are guilty of the offence specified in said charge and specifications and that you be (or be suspended) or your expulsion by Grand Lodge recommended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry.

By order of the Worshipful Master.

..... Secretary
..... Lodge, No.....
(Seal)

FORM 35.

REPORT TO GRAND MASTER

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons.

The following are true copies of all the papers and proceedings, in and by
Lodge, No., in the matter of the charge made by Brother against Brother..... (**Here copy everything**).

(Seal) W. Master.

Attest: Lodge, No.
..... Secretary.

FORM 36.

REPORT TO GRAND LODGE

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons:

The following are true copies of all the papers and proceedings in and by
Lodge, No. in the matter of the charge made by Brother against Brother

(Here copy everything as before.)

..... W. Master
(Seal)

Attest:
..... Secretary, Lodge No.....

FORM 37.

APPEAL

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons:

The undersigned hereby appeals to you from the decision of Lodge, No., in the matter of certain charges and specifications preferred in the said Lodge, against the appellant, by Brother whereby this appellant was convicted of the said charge and specifications and sentence of suspension or expulsion passed against him, and he specifies the following as the grounds of his appeal, namely.

1. That the charges and specifications do not contain any Masonic offence.
2. That the charges and specifications are vague, uncertain and insufficient.
3. That the evidence was not sufficient to warrant the conviction.
4. That the penalty is disproportionate to the offence.
5. That the Lodge erred in refusing to admit the declaration of
(Any other special or general grounds of appeal may be stated.)

All of which appears by the papers, proceedings and evidence in the case.

Dated at this day of
A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

FORM 38.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

To Secretary Lodge, No.

Take notice that I have taken an appeal from the decision of Lodge, No., in the matter of the charges and specifications made by against me, and that I shall prosecute the same at the annual communication of the Grand Lodge, on the day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19.....

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This notice should be served as other notices, and a return made, which the appellant should submit with the appeal to the Grand Lodge.

The appeal by the complainant, and notice should be like the above, with the necessary alterations, which can easily be made.

FORM 39

PETITION FOR RESTORATION

To the W.M., Officers and Members of
Lodge No., G.R.S., Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons:

The undersigned respectfully represents that he was formerly a member of said Lodge. That on or about the day of A.L. 59....., A.D. 19....., he was tried for unmasonic conduct upon charges preferred against him in said Lodge; that upon due conviction of said charges the said Lodge passed sentence of suspension against him, and he was subsequently expelled by Grand Lodge, which sentence is now in full force and effect.

That he is desirous of being restored to the rights and benefits of Masonry, and he hereby solemnly promises upon his honour that, if such restoration shall be granted him, he will ever yield a cheerful obedience to all laws, rules and customs of the fraternity.

Wherefore he respectfully prays the said Lodge to recommend to the Grand Lodge that he be restored to his Masonic rights and membership aforesaid.

And your petitioner will ever pray, etc.

Dated this day of, A.L. 59.....,
A.D. 19.....

Recommended by



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